

5281-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senator T. Sheldon)

Brief Title: Changing provisions relating to the permit assistance center.

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Directs the permit assistance center to establish regional center offices at each of the four department regional or field offices.

Requires the center to publish and keep current one or more handbooks containing lists and explanations of all permit laws at each of its regional center offices. To the extent possible, the handbook shall include relevant local, state, federal, and tribal laws.

Directs the center to work cooperatively with residents, local governments, and businesses in rural counties, and establish and implement plans and procedures for enhancing knowledge of and access to the center's services for individuals, businesses, and public agencies in rural counties and for businesses considering locating or expanding in rural counties and provide a biennial report to the legislature on the status of the center's plans and procedures for enhancing rural counties' access to and usage of the center as specified in RCW 90.60.030(8).

Repeals RCW 43.131.387 and 43.131.388.