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By Representatives Cooper, Buck and Linville

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Ecology & Parks.

1 AN ACT Relating to hydraulic project permit efficiency and
2 accountability; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the hydraulic
5 project approval provides critical protections for fish and fish
6 habitat and is a key component of the state's approach to salmon
7 recovery. The legislature also finds that the hydraulic project
8 approval is the only state permit solely intended to protect fish life.
9 The legislature finds that changes to the existing program recommended
10 by the hydraulic project approval task force would improve the
11 efficiency and effectiveness of the hydraulic approval program. The
12 legislature further finds that the hydraulic approval program needs to
13 be redesigned to provide better customer service, improved consistency,
14 and enhanced compliance and effectiveness monitoring. Therefore, it is
15 the intent of the legislature to clarify the department of ecology's
16 authority under chapter 77.55 RCW, streamline the application process
17 to provide consistency and predictability for permit applicants, and

1 ensure that those hydraulic projects with the highest potential risk to
2 fish and fish habitat receive the highest priority.

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