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Brief Description: Authorizing a pilot program for the settlement of water rights.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 2ND SUB)

Directs the state of Washington to proceed under the provisions of this act to participate in a federally sanctioned and facilitated pilot process to determine and quantify water rights claimed by Indian tribes and the United States.

Directs the state to establish a negotiating team within the office of the governor to participate in this pilot program.

Directs the state of Washington to participate in the federal pilot negotiation scoping process, development of alternatives, timelines, decision-making process, development of funding alternatives, and mediation.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund for the fiscal year ending July 1, 2005, to the governor's office to defray the costs of forming and operating the negotiating team established in this act and to pay an equitable share of the costs of facilitation by the United States Institute.