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Sponsor(s): Senators Haugen, Oke, Prentice, Honeyford, Doumit and Morton

Brief Description: Eliminating the hydraulic project approval program.

SB 5280 - DIGEST

Finds that: (1) Burdensome, duplicative, and conflicting rules and regulatory programs are significantly hampering economic growth and prosperity for the citizens of Washington state.

(2) Multiple layers of redundant federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations unnecessarily impede economic development and job creation while undermining Washington state's competitiveness in the national and global economy.

(3) The hydraulic project approval program was established prior to the enactment of the federal endangered species act, the state environmental policy act, shorelines management act, water pollution control act, water resources act, and the growth management act.

(4) The provisions of the hydraulic project approval program are now redundant or conflict with protective provisions adopted under section 4(d) of the federal endangered species act by the national marine fisheries service and the United States fish and wildlife service.

Declares that, notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 34.05.020, all rules made by the Washington state fish and wildlife commission relating to the hydraulic project approval program shall be repealed, without further action by the commission by July 1, 2003.

Repeals provisions of chapter 77.55 RCW.