

SSB 5610 - H AMD TO H COMM AMD (5610-S AMH APP H2968.1)
By Representative Williams

1 On page 13, after line 13 of the amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** (1) The task force on watershed
4 management and salmon recovery is established to evaluate and make
5 recommendations to the legislature regarding the implementation of
6 watershed management and salmon recovery plans.

7 (2) The evaluation and recommendations of the task force shall
8 include:

9 (a) A review of the current status of local watershed and
10 salmon recovery plans and projects;

11 (b) A review of the current sources and uses of funding for
12 administration, planning, and project implementation;

13 (c) A review of the organizational structure and governance of
14 the regional recovery organizations and watershed level entities
15 currently preparing or implementing plans and projects;

16 (d) The development of recommendations for any changes, if
17 necessary, to current governance and organizational structures to
18 ensure efficient use of resources in attaining the state's goals
19 for watershed management as outlined in chapter 90.82 RCW and for
20 salmon recovery as outlined in chapter 77.85 RCW;

21 (e) The development of recommendations for new or existing
22 sources of funding for ongoing administration, projects, plan
23 implementation, and monitoring; and

24 (f) The development of recommendations for improving the
25 allocation of mitigation funding on a watershed basis, consistent
26 with the state's policies and programs of optimizing mitigation
27 projects.

28 (3) The task force shall consists of:

29 (a) The chair and ranking minority member of the house of
30 representatives economic development, agriculture, and trade
31 committee or their designees;

1 (b) The chair and ranking minority member of the house of
2 representatives natural resources, ecology, and parks committee or
3 their designees;

4 (c) The chair and ranking minority member of the house of
5 representatives capital budget committee or their designees;

6 (d) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate water,
7 energy, and environment committee or their designees;

8 (e) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate natural
9 resources, ocean, and recreation committee or their designees;

10 (f) The chair and ranking minority member of the senate ways
11 and means committee or their designees; and

12 (g) One representative from the office of the governor,
13 appointed by the governor.

14 (4) The task force may gather information deemed appropriate by
15 the task force for the evaluation of the next steps needed to
16 successfully implement actions identified in watershed and salmon
17 recovery plans. In developing its recommendations, the task force
18 may consult with the advisory committee created in this section.

19 (5) An advisory committee shall be established to provide
20 assistance to the task force, upon request of the task force, that
21 is limited to the specific scope and content requested by the task
22 force. The advisory committee shall be composed of the following
23 members or their designees:

24 (a) The director of the department of ecology;

25 (b) The director of the department of fish and wildlife;

26 (c) The chair of the salmon recovery funding board;

27 (d) A representative from a watershed planning group, appointed
28 by the chair of the task force;

29 (e) A representative from a lead entity, appointed by the chair
30 of the task force;

31 (f) A representative from a regional salmon recovery group,
32 appointed by the chair of the task force;

33 (g) A representative of the regional fisheries enhancement
34 groups, appointed by the chair of the task force;

35 (h) A representative from the federal fisheries service,
36 appointed by the chair of the task force;

37 (i) A representative from federally recognized Indian tribes,
38 appointed by the chair of the task force;

1 (j) A representative of counties, appointed by the chair of the
2 task force;

3 (k) A representative of cities, appointed by the chair of the
4 task force;

5 (l) A representative of water purveyors, appointed by the chair
6 of the task force; and

7 (m) A representative of agriculture, appointed by the chair of
8 the task force.

9 (6) Both the task force and advisory committee created by this
10 section shall select a chair from among its respective members for
11 the purpose of conducting meetings. The chair of the advisory
12 committee shall also be responsible for transmitting information
13 from the advisory committee as a group to the task force.

14 (7)(a) The task force and the advisory committee shall use
15 legislative facilities, and staff support shall be provided by the
16 house of representatives office of program research and senate
17 committee services.

18 (b) The task force may invite staff from the department of
19 ecology, the office of the interagency committee for outdoor
20 recreation, and the department of fish and wildlife to provide
21 additional staff support for the task force and the advisory
22 committee.

23 (8) Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed
24 for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120.
25 Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or
26 organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in
27 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

28 (9) The task force shall be established by June 1, 2005, report
29 its evaluations and recommendations to the appropriate legislative
30 committees by December 31, 2005, and expire January 1, 2006."

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EFFECT: Creates a Task Force composed of legislative members and a representative of the Governor's Office, and an advisory committee, to evaluate and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding the implementation of watershed health and salmon recovery plans by December 31, 2005.