

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 2166

59th Legislature
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Yeas 97 Nays 0

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 5, 2005
Yeas 48 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 2166** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Newhouse, Linville, Kristiansen, Hankins, Grant, Holmquist and Haler

Read first time 02/21/2005. Referred to Committee on Economic Development, Agriculture & Trade.

1 AN ACT Relating to the joint legislative committee on water supply
2 during drought; adding a new chapter to Title 90 RCW; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The joint legislative committee on water
6 supply during drought is created.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The committee shall consist of four senators
8 and four representatives who shall be selected biennially as follows:

9 (1) The president of the senate shall appoint four members from the
10 senate to serve on the committee, including the chair of the committee
11 responsible for water resource issues. Two members from each major
12 political party must be appointed.

13 (2) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint four
14 members from the house of representatives to serve on the committee,
15 including the chair of the committee responsible for water resource
16 issues. Two members from each major political party must be appointed.

17 (3) The committee shall elect a chair and a vice-chair. The chair

1 shall be a member of the house of representatives in even-numbered
2 years and a member of the senate in odd-numbered years.

3 (4) The presiding officer of the appropriate legislative chamber
4 shall fill any vacancies occurring on the committee by appointment from
5 the same political party as the departing member.

6 (5) Members shall serve until their successors are appointed as
7 provided in this section, or until they are no longer members of the
8 legislature, whichever is sooner.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The joint legislative committee on water
10 supply during drought shall convene from time to time at the call of
11 the chair when a drought conditions order under RCW 43.83B.405 is in
12 effect, or when the chair determines, in consultation with the
13 department of ecology, that it is likely that such an order will be
14 issued within the next year.

15 (2) The committee may request and review information relating to
16 water supply conditions in the state, and economic, environmental, and
17 other impacts relating to decreased water supply being experienced or
18 anticipated. The governor's executive water emergency committee, the
19 department of ecology, the water supply advisory committee, and other
20 state agencies with water management or related responsibilities shall
21 cooperate in responding to requests from the committee.

22 (3) During drought conditions in which an order issued under RCW
23 43.83B.405 is in effect, the department of ecology shall provide to the
24 committee no less than monthly a report describing drought response
25 activities of the department and other state and federal agencies
26 participating on the water supply availability committee. The report
27 shall include information regarding applications for, and approvals and
28 denials of emergency water withdrawals and temporary changes or
29 transfers of, water rights under RCW 43.83B.410.

30 (4) The committee from time to time shall make recommendations to
31 the senate and house of representatives on budgetary and legislative
32 actions that will improve the state's drought response programs and
33 planning.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act constitute
35 a new chapter in Title 90 RCW.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act is necessary for the immediate
2 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
3 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
4 immediately.

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