

**HB 1840-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides dedicated funding from the water quality account for lake restoration and management.

Provides that at least twenty-five percent of the moneys deposited into the account for the centennial clean water act grant program established in this act shall be allocated for freshwater systems during the bienniums ending in 2007 and 2009. The priority for these funds shall be establishment and implementation of a comprehensive lake restoration and management program. These moneys may be used for efforts related to: Lake restoration; improvement of lake water quality; control of lake eutrophication; clearing, prevention, and control of algae and harmful algal blooms in lakes; and eradication and prevention of invasive plant and animal species in lakes.

Directs the department of ecology to prepare a report for the appropriate committees of the legislature, by January 1, 2009, that evaluates if there is a need and demand for continued funding of the lake restoration and management program as provided in RCW 70.146.030.