

HB 2166 - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Creates the joint legislative committee on water supply during drought.

Provides that, during drought conditions in which an order issued under RCW 43.83B.405 is in effect, the department of ecology shall provide to the committee no less than monthly a report describing drought response activities of the department and other state and federal agencies participating on the water supply availability committee. The report shall include information regarding applications for, and approvals and denials of emergency water withdrawals and temporary changes or transfers of, water rights under RCW 43.83B.410.

Authorizes the committee from time to time to make recommendations to the senate and house of representatives on budgetary and legislative actions that will improve the state's drought response programs and planning.