

**HB 3141 - DIGEST**

Requires the department of ecology to, by December 31, 2006, study and prepare a report to the appropriate committees of the legislature on ways that the department and other stakeholders can better understand the competing interests of domestic surface water users and other surface water users in regards to limited water supplies who are affected by a curtailment of domestic water right use that has been enacted by a court order.

Provides that the study conducted under this act shall be limited to basins currently involved in a water rights adjudication and must: (1) Provide a summary of the circumstances that have contributed to the competition between domestic water users and other water users;

(2) Include a survey involving the owners of the residences; and

(3) Recommend suggested legislation or other solutions for resolving conflicts between competing interests for a limited water resource.