

SSB 5074 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 90.82.060 and 2003 c 328 s 1 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) Planning conducted under this chapter must provide for a  
6 process to allow the local citizens within a WRIA or multi-WRIA area to  
7 join together in an effort to: (a) Assess the status of the water  
8 resources of their WRIA or multi-WRIA area; and (b) determine how best  
9 to manage the water resources of the WRIA or multi-WRIA area to balance  
10 the competing resource demands for that area within the parameters  
11 under RCW 90.82.120.

12 (2)(a) Watershed planning under this chapter may be initiated for  
13 a WRIA only with the concurrence of: ((+a+)) (i) All counties within  
14 the WRIA; ((+b+)) (ii) the largest city or town within the WRIA unless  
15 the WRIA does not contain a city or town; and ((+c+)) (iii) the water  
16 supply utility obtaining the largest quantity of water from the WRIA  
17 or, for a WRIA with lands within the Columbia Basin project, the water  
18 supply utility obtaining from the Columbia Basin project the largest  
19 quantity of water for the WRIA. To apply for a grant for organizing  
20 the planning unit as provided for under RCW 90.82.040(2)(a), these  
21 entities shall designate the entity that will serve as the lead agency  
22 for the planning effort and indicate how the planning unit will be  
23 staffed.

24 (b) For purposes of this chapter, WRIA 40 shall be divided such  
25 that the portion of the WRIA located entirely within the Stemilt and  
26 Squilchuck subbasins shall be considered WRIA 40a and the remaining  
27 portion shall be considered WRIA 40b. Planning may be conducted  
28 separately for WRIA 40a and 40b. WRIA 40a shall be eligible for one-  
29 fourth of the funding available for a single WRIA, and WRIA 40b shall

1 be eligible for three-fourths of the funding available for a single  
2 WRIA.

3 (c) For purposes of this chapter, WRIA 29 shall be divided such  
4 that the portion of the WRIA located entirely within the White Salmon  
5 subbasin and the subbasins east thereof shall be considered WRIA 29b  
6 and the remaining portion shall be considered WRIA 29a. Planning may  
7 be conducted separately for WRIA 29a and 29b. WRIA 29a shall be  
8 eligible for one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA and  
9 WRIA 29b shall be eligible for one-half of the funding available for a  
10 single WRIA.

11 (3) Watershed planning under this chapter may be initiated for a  
12 multi-WRIA area only with the concurrence of: (a) All counties within  
13 the multi-WRIA area; (b) the largest city or town in each WRIA unless  
14 the WRIA does not contain a city or town; and (c) the water supply  
15 utility obtaining the largest quantity of water in each WRIA.

16 (4) If entities in subsection (2) or (3) of this section decide  
17 jointly and unanimously to proceed, they shall invite all tribes with  
18 reservation lands within the management area.

19 (5) The entities in subsection (2) or (3) of this section,  
20 including the tribes if they affirmatively accept the invitation,  
21 constitute the initiating governments for the purposes of this section.

22 (6) The organizing grant shall be used to organize the planning  
23 unit and to determine the scope of the planning to be conducted. In  
24 determining the scope of the planning activities, consideration shall  
25 be given to all existing plans and related planning activities. The  
26 scope of planning must include water quantity elements as provided in  
27 RCW 90.82.070, and may include water quality elements as contained in  
28 RCW 90.82.090, habitat elements as contained in RCW 90.82.100, and  
29 instream flow elements as contained in RCW 90.82.080. The initiating  
30 governments shall work with state government, other local governments  
31 within the management area, and affected tribal governments, in  
32 developing a planning process. The initiating governments may hold  
33 public meetings as deemed necessary to develop a proposed scope of work  
34 and a proposed composition of the planning unit. In developing a  
35 proposed composition of the planning unit, the initiating governments  
36 shall provide for representation of a wide range of water resource  
37 interests.

1           (7) Each state agency with regulatory or other interests in the  
2 WRIA or multi-WRIA area to be planned shall assist the local citizens  
3 in the planning effort to the greatest extent practicable, recognizing  
4 any fiscal limitations. In providing such technical assistance and to  
5 facilitate representation on the planning unit, state agencies may  
6 organize and agree upon their representation on the planning unit.  
7 Such technical assistance must only be at the request of and to the  
8 extent desired by the planning unit conducting such planning. The  
9 number of state agency representatives on the planning unit shall be  
10 determined by the initiating governments in consultation with the  
11 governor's office.

12           (8) As used in this section, "lead agency" means the entity that  
13 coordinates staff support of its own or of other local governments and  
14 receives grants for developing a watershed plan."

15           Correct the title.

EFFECT: Changes the funding available to the new WRIA 29a from the  
full amount available for a single WRIA to one-half of the amount  
available for a single WRIA.

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