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By Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

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

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 90.82.060 and 2007 c 245 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: (i) All counties within the WRIA;
14 (ii) the largest city or town within the WRIA unless the WRIA does not
15 contain a city or town; and (iii) the water supply utility obtaining
16 the largest quantity of water from the WRIA or, for a WRIA with lands
17 within the Columbia Basin project, the water supply utility obtaining
18 from the Columbia Basin project the largest quantity of water for the
19 WRIA. To apply for a grant for organizing the planning unit as
20 provided for under RCW 90.82.040(2)(a), these entities shall designate
21 the entity that will serve as the lead agency for the planning effort
22 and indicate how the planning unit will be staffed.

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

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

9 (d) For purposes of this chapter, WRIA 14 shall be divided such
10 that the portion of the WRIA where surface waters drain into Hood Canal
11 shall be considered WRIA 14b, and the remaining portion shall be
12 considered WRIA 14a. Planning for WRIA 14b under this chapter shall be
13 conducted by the WRIA 16 planning unit. WRIA 14b shall be eligible for
14 one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA, and WRIA 14a shall
15 be eligible for one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA.

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

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

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

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

1 and a proposed composition of the planning unit. In developing a
2 proposed composition of the planning unit, the initiating governments
3 shall provide for representation of a wide range of water resource
4 interests.

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

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

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19 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "14;" strike the remainder of
20 the title and insert "and amending RCW 90.82.060."

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