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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1561**

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**By** House Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Representatives Jarrett, Clibborn, Goodman, Springer, Eddy, Rodne and P. Sullivan)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the authority of a watershed management  
2 partnership to exercise powers of its forming governments; and adding  
3 a new section to chapter 39.34 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 39.34 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            (1) As limited by subsections (2) and (3) of this section, a  
8 watershed management partnership formed under the authority of RCW  
9 39.34.210, and a separate legal entity established by such a  
10 partnership to conduct the cooperative undertaking of the partnership  
11 under the same statutory authority, may exercise the power of eminent  
12 domain as provided in chapter 8.12 RCW.

13            (2) The eminent domain authority granted under subsection (1) of  
14 this section may be exercised only for those utility purposes for which  
15 the watershed management partnership was formed.

16            (3) Subsection (1) of this section applies only to a watershed  
17 management partnership that:

18            (a) Was formed before July 1, 2006, under the authority of RCW  
19 39.34.210;

1           (b) Is not engaged in planning or in implementing a plan for a  
2 water resource inventory area under the terms of chapter 90.82 RCW; and  
3           (c) Is composed entirely of cities and water-sewer districts  
4 authorized to exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner  
5 provided by chapter 8.12 RCW.

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