

**HB 1294-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Maintains the Washington conservation corps statewide and establishes the Puget Sound corps as a distinct program within the Washington conservation corps.

Integrates into the Puget Sound corps the therapeutic and reintegration intent of the veterans conservation corps for veterans involved in the Puget Sound corps.

Urges state agencies that are participating in the conservation corps program to consider individuals with developmental disabilities for enrollment in the program.

Streamlines how government administers and manages the state's conservation corps to more efficiently expend the state's resources toward priority outcomes, including the recovery of the Puget Sound ecosystem to health by 2020.

Increases opportunities for meaningful work experiences.

Authorizes public-private partnerships as a key element of corps activities.