

**SB 5669-S2.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 5/19/11)

Merges the pollution liability insurance program established by chapter 70.148 RCW (underground petroleum storage tanks) and chapter 70.149 RCW (heating oil pollution liability protection act) into the department of ecology. Expires June 1, 2013.

Transfers the reclaimed water program from the department of health to the department of ecology.

Transfers the site use permit program from the department of ecology to the department of health.

Requires the department of ecology to provide administrative and functional assistance to the Columbia river gorge commission.

Requires the secretary of the department of health and the directors of the department of ecology, the pollution liability insurance agency, and the Columbia river gorge commission to each designate one executive-level representative to serve on a consolidation transition team.

Requires the departments of agriculture, ecology, fish and wildlife, and natural resources, the recreation and conservation office, the Puget Sound partnership, and the state parks and recreation commission, in consultation with the office of financial management, to: (1) Identify regional or field offices appropriate for use as shared facilities by more than one agency; and

(2) Identify and implement cross agency efficiencies by maximizing the consolidation of administrative functions among multiple agencies.

Requires the directors of the department of fish and wildlife, the state parks and recreation commission, the department of agriculture, the department of ecology, and the recreation and conservation office, the commissioner of public lands, and the executive director of the Puget Sound partnership to each designate a representative to serve on the consolidation team.

Requires the department of fish and wildlife and the department of natural resources to each consolidate their administrative regions to no more than four per agency if directed by legislation enacted before July 1, 2012.

Requires the state conservation commission to work cooperatively with conservation districts to evaluate and facilitate the consolidation of appropriate conservation districts, with a goal of reducing the total number of conservation districts to thirty-nine.