

---

SENATE BILL 5002

---

State of Washington

63rd Legislature

2013 Regular Session

By Senators Honeyford, Fraser, and Ericksen

Read first time 01/14/13. Referred to Committee on Governmental Operations .

1 AN ACT Relating to mosquito control districts; and amending RCW  
2 17.28.160.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 17.28.160 and 1981 c 156 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 A mosquito control district organized under this chapter may:

7 (1) Take all necessary or proper steps for the extermination of  
8 mosquitoes.

9 (2) Subject to the paramount control of the county or city in which  
10 they exist, abate as nuisances all stagnant pools of water and other  
11 breeding places for mosquitoes.

12 (3) If necessary or proper, in the furtherance of the objects of  
13 this chapter, build, construct, repair, and maintain necessary dikes,  
14 levees, cuts, canals, or ditches upon any land, and acquire by  
15 purchase, condemnation, or by other lawful means, in the name of the  
16 district, any lands, rights-of-way, easements, property, or material  
17 necessary for any of those purposes.

18 (4) Make contracts to indemnify or compensate any owner of land or

1 other property for any injury or damage necessarily caused by the use  
2 or taking of property for dikes, levees, cuts, canals, or ditches.

3 (5) Enter upon without hindrance any lands within the district and  
4 adjacent thereto for the purpose of inspection to ascertain whether  
5 breeding places of mosquitoes exist upon such lands; or to abate public  
6 nuisances in accordance with this chapter; or to ascertain if notices  
7 to abate the breeding of mosquitoes upon such lands have been complied  
8 with; or to treat (~~with oil or other larvicidal material any breeding~~  
9 ~~places of mosquitoes~~) using integrated pest management methods in  
10 places where public health vectors are found or are likely to exist  
11 upon such lands.

12 (6) Sell or lease any land, rights-of-way, easements, property or  
13 material acquired by the district.

14 (7) Issue warrants payable at the time stated therein to evidence  
15 the obligation to repay money borrowed or any other obligation incurred  
16 by the district, warrants so issued to draw interest at a rate fixed by  
17 the board payable annually or semiannually as the board may prescribe.

18 (8) Make contracts with the United States, or any state,  
19 municipality, or any department of those entities for carrying out the  
20 general purpose for which the district is formed.

21 (9) Acquire by gift, devise, bequest, lease, or purchase, real and  
22 personal property necessary or convenient for its purposes.

23 (10) Make contracts, employ engineers, health officers,  
24 sanitarians, physicians, laboratory personnel, attorneys, and other  
25 technical or professional assistants; and publish information or  
26 literature and do any and all other things necessary or incident to the  
27 powers granted by, and to carry out the projects specified in this  
28 chapter.

29 (11) Cut or remove shrubbery or undergrowth as necessary or proper  
30 in order to carry out this chapter.

--- END ---