
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6589

State of Washington

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By Senators Bailey, Pearson, and Warnick

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Water & Rural Economic Development.

1 AN ACT Relating to a feasibility study to examine whether water
2 storage would provide noninterruptible water resources to users of
3 permit exempt wells; creating a new section; and providing an
4 expiration date.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of ecology, in
7 cooperation with the state department of health, Skagit county,
8 tribes, and nonmunicipally owned public water systems in Skagit
9 county, shall conduct a study to examine the feasibility of using
10 effectively sized water storage to recharge the Skagit river basin
11 when needed to meet minimum instream flows and provide
12 noninterruptible water resources to users of permit exempt wells
13 within the Skagit river basin.

14 (2) The department of ecology must submit a report of the study's
15 findings to the standing committees of the legislature with oversight
16 of water resources and fiscal issues by December 1, 2016.

17 (3) This section expires December 1, 2016.

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