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SENATE BILL 6589

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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, and  
8 nonmunicipally owned public water systems in Skagit county, shall  
9 conduct a study to examine the feasibility of using water storage to  
10 recharge the Skagit river basin when needed to meet minimum instream  
11 flows and provide noninterruptible water resources to users of permit  
12 exempt wells within the Skagit river basin.

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

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

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