

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5567

As of February 5, 2019

Title: An act relating to revising hydraulic project eligibility standards under RCW 77.55.181 for conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement projects.

Brief Description: Revising hydraulic project eligibility standards under RCW 77.55.181 for conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement projects.

Sponsors: Senators Honeyford, Takko, Short, Rolfes and Warnick.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 2/05/19.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bullet one text.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WATER, NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

Staff: Karen Epps (786-7424)

Background:

Conservation Districts. A conservation district is a governmental subdivision of the state, which exercises public powers. Conservation districts work with landowners on a voluntary basis, providing incentive-based conservation help on private lands. Add a sentence here. A hydraulic project approval (HPA) is required for any project that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any of the salt or fresh waters of the state. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) issues HPAs to ensure the proper protection of fish life.

Hydraulic Project Approval for Fish Habitat Enhancement Projects. You'll see track

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Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute):

The requirement that conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement projects eligible for streamlined review follow design standards established by the Conservation Commission through an interagency agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Natural Resource Conservation Service is removed.

Conservation district-sponsored fish habitat enhancement projects determined to be eligible for streamlined review must be approved by conservation districts. Conservation district-sponsored projects must provide copies of the completed application form to DFW and the Conservation Commission.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony On Proposed Substitute: PRO: This is a mighty fine bill.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Jim Honeyford, Sponsor; Alison Halpern, Washington State Conservation Commission; Jeff Davis, Department of Fish & Wildlife.

OTHER: John Bolender, Mason Conservation District.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.