## HB 1656 - DIGEST

## (SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that environmental problems in Puget Sound are complex and research is needed to provide information that can guide protective and restorative actions, and to explore and understand the impacts of a changing environment. The legislature also finds that there is no predictable funding process for Puget Sound research projects.

Declares that the state needs a process to focus the scientific effort on the Puget Sound ecosystem and to distribute research funds.