

HB 2049-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the existing model of using a community-based, nonregulatory organization to examine issues particular to a community's corner of Puget Sound, applying for grants, and thoroughly and fairly investigating available options and solutions has proved to be a valuable asset to Puget Sound and its communities, and is worthy of replication throughout the Puget Sound basin.

Declares an intent to establish a structure on which interested local communities can harness the dedication, creativity, and wisdom of their residents in the form of marine resource committees. These committees are intended to compliment, and not compete with or undermine, any other governmental efforts to restore and manage the Puget Sound.

Provides that the legislative authority for each county that borders the marine waters of Puget Sound is authorized to establish marine resource committees consistent with the procedures outlined in this act.

Provides that a marine resource committee, as described in this act, may be created by the legislative authority of any county bordering the marine waters of Puget Sound, in cooperation with all appropriate cities and special districts within their boundaries. Adjacent county legislative authorities are encouraged to coordinate their efforts whenever there is a mutual interest in creating a marine resource committee.