CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6589**

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SKAGIT COUNTY--WATER STORAGE--STUDY

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| Passed by the Senate February 16, 2016Yeas 49 Nays 0BRAD OWEN**President of the Senate**Passed by the House March 4, 2016Yeas 96 Nays 1FRANK CHOPP**Speaker of the House of Representatives** | CERTIFICATEI, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6589** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.HUNTER G. GOODMAN**Chief Clerk** |
| Approved April 1, 2016 4:58 PM | April 4, 2016 |
| JAY INSLEE**Governor of the State of Washington** | **Secretary of State** **State of Washington** |

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**By** Senators Bailey, Pearson, and Warnick

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

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

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

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

(3) This section expires December 1, 2016.

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