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SENATE BILL 6081

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By Senators Swecker and Oke

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Committee on Water Policy.

1            AN ACT Relating to watershed planning; creating a new section; and  
2 making an appropriation.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** (1) It is the intent of the legislature to  
5 examine the effectiveness of water resource planning done locally, at  
6 the watershed level. To accomplish this, such planning shall be  
7 conducted under this chapter on a pilot basis for the following WRIAs:  
8 (a) The Duwamish-Green, WRIA number nine; (b) the upper Chehalis, WRIA  
9 number twenty-three; (c) the Entiat, WRIA number forty-six; (d) the  
10 middle Snake, WRIA number thirty-five; and (e) the lower Yakima,  
11 Naches, and upper Yakima, WRIAs number thirty-seven, thirty-eight, and  
12 thirty-nine.

13            (2) A majority vote of all county legislative authorities is  
14 required to initiate planning for a pilot project outlined in  
15 subsection (1) of this section. County approval shall include a  
16 detailed description of the scope of the planning effort, the  
17 composition of the planning group, and a proposed budget. In creating  
18 the planning group, the county legislative authorities shall attempt to  
19 include as many groups or individuals interested in the planning effort

1 as possible. Interest groups to be considered for participation should  
2 include, but not be limited to, individuals from within the planning  
3 area that represent: County government; city government; public  
4 utility districts; well drillers; home builders and developers; fishery  
5 interests; tribal governments; irrigated agriculture; nonirrigated  
6 agriculture; environmentalists; and industrial water users.

7 (3) Upon completion of a draft plan, the planning group shall  
8 present its findings and recommendations to each of the county  
9 legislative authorities. Within ninety days of the presentation of the  
10 draft plan to the county legislative authorities, each county shall  
11 hold at least two public meetings to receive comment on the plan.  
12 Within sixty days of the final hearing on the draft plan, each county  
13 legislative body shall approve or reject the plan. If all county  
14 legislative bodies approve the plan, it shall be deemed adopted.

15 (4) Once adopted, the county legislative authorities in a pilot  
16 planning area outlined in subsection (1) of this section may submit the  
17 plan to the legislature for funding of plan implementation costs.

18 (5) This section expires June 30, 1997.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of two million five hundred thousand  
20 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for  
21 the biennium ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to the  
22 department of ecology to fund the five watershed planning projects  
23 listed in section 1 (1) through (3) of this act. Not more than five  
24 hundred thousand dollars may be allocated for any one pilot project.

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