

2867-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Linville, G. Chandler, Miloscia, Mitchell, Koster and Cooper)

Brief Description: Providing for the issuance of reservoir permits to store and recover water in an underground geological formation.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Recognizes the importance of sound water management. In an effort to promote new and innovative methods of water storage, the legislature authorizes the department of ecology to issue reservoir permits that enable an entity to artificially store and recover ground water in any underground geological formation, which qualifies as a reservoir under RCW 90.03.370.

Requires the department to report to the legislature by December 31, 2001, on the standards for review and standards for mitigation developed under this act and on the status of any applications that have been filed with the department for underground artificial storage and recovery projects by that date.