

6209-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Eide, Fairley and Kohl-Welles)

Brief Description: Authorizing a proposal for an environmental quality benchmarks program.

**SB 6209-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that a system of environmental quality benchmarks is an integral component of transiting from traditional command and control regulatory strategies to protect environmental quality to performance-based strategies that allow greater flexibility in choosing the means to attain goals that are publicly developed and supported.

Declares that it is the purpose of this act to authorize the development of a proposal for an environmental quality benchmarks program for future legislative consideration, and to make better use of existing monitoring data and analysis to inform the public and to further performance-based environmental quality strategies.

Designates a funding source for the program.