

2 **HB 1865** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Environment, Energy & Water

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 90.82.060 and 1998 c 247 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 (1) Planning conducted under this chapter must provide for a
10 process to allow the local citizens within a WRIA or multi-WRIA area to
11 join together in an effort to: (a) Assess the status of the water
12 resources of their WRIA or multi-WRIA area; and (b) determine how best
13 to manage the water resources of the WRIA or multi-WRIA area to balance
14 the competing resource demands for that area within the parameters
15 under RCW 90.82.120.

16 (2) Watershed planning under this chapter may be initiated for a
17 WRIA only with the concurrence of: (a) All counties within the WRIA;
18 (b) the largest city or town within the WRIA unless the WRIA does not
19 contain a city or town; and (c) the water supply utility obtaining the
20 largest quantity of water from the WRIA or, for a WRIA with lands
21 within the Columbia Basin project, the water supply utility obtaining
22 from the Columbia Basin project the largest quantity of water for the
23 WRIA. To apply for a grant for organizing the planning unit as
24 provided for under RCW 90.82.040(2)(a), these entities shall designate
25 the entity that will serve as the lead agency for the planning effort
26 and indicate how the planning unit will be staffed.

27 (3) Watershed planning under this chapter may be initiated for a
28 multi-WRIA area only with the concurrence of: (a) All counties within
29 the multi-WRIA area; (b) the largest city or town in each WRIA unless
30 the WRIA does not contain a city or town; and (c) the water supply
31 utility obtaining the largest quantity of water in each WRIA.

32 (4) If entities in subsection (2) or (3) of this section decide
33 jointly and unanimously to proceed, they shall invite all tribes with
34 reservation lands within the management area.

1 (5) The entities in subsection (2) or (3) of this section,
2 including the tribes if they affirmatively accept the invitation,
3 constitute the initiating governments for the purposes of this section.

4 (6) The organizing grant shall be used to organize the planning
5 unit and to determine the scope of the planning to be conducted. In
6 determining the scope of the planning activities, consideration shall
7 be given to all existing plans and related planning activities. The
8 scope of planning must include water quantity elements as provided in
9 RCW 90.82.070, and may include water quality elements as contained in
10 RCW 90.82.090, habitat elements as contained in RCW 90.82.100, and
11 instream flow elements as contained in RCW 90.82.080. The initiating
12 governments shall work with state government, other local governments
13 within the management area, and affected tribal governments, in
14 developing a planning process. The initiating governments may hold
15 public meetings as deemed necessary to develop a proposed scope of work
16 and a proposed composition of the planning unit. In developing a
17 proposed composition of the planning unit, the initiating governments
18 shall provide for representation of a wide range of water resource
19 interests.

20 (7) Each state agency with regulatory or other interests in the
21 WRIA or multi-WRIA area to be planned shall assist the local citizens
22 in the planning effort to the greatest extent practicable, recognizing
23 any fiscal limitations. In providing such technical assistance and to
24 facilitate representation on the planning unit, state agencies may
25 organize and agree upon their representation on the planning unit.
26 Such technical assistance must only be at the request of and to the
27 extent desired by the planning unit conducting such planning. The
28 number of state agency representatives on the planning unit shall be
29 determined by the initiating governments in consultation with the
30 governor's office.

31 (8) As used in this section, "lead agency" means the entity that
32 coordinates staff support of its own or of other local governments and
33 receives grants for developing a watershed plan."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "planning;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 90.82.060."

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