

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6589**

Chapter 227, Laws of 2016

64th Legislature  
2016 Regular Session

SKAGIT COUNTY--WATER STORAGE--STUDY

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/9/2016

Passed by the Senate February 16, 2016  
Yeas 49 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 4, 2016  
Yeas 96 Nays 1

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 1, 2016 4:58 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, 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

**Secretary**

FILED

April 4, 2016

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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By Senators Bailey, Pearson, and Warnick

Read first time 01/27/16. Referred to Committee on Agriculture,  
Water & Rural Economic Development.

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

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

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

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

17 (3) This section expires December 1, 2016.

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