
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5228

State of Washington

65th Legislature

2017 Regular Session

By Senate Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Rivers, Fortunato, Becker, Bailey, Ericksen, Warnick, and Pearson)

READ FIRST TIME 02/16/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to establishing the joint legislative task force
2 on hydraulic project approval program jurisdiction; creating a new
3 section; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1)(a) A joint legislative task force on
6 hydraulic project approval program jurisdiction is established, with
7 members as provided in this subsection.

8 (i) The president of the senate must appoint one member from each
9 of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

10 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives must appoint one
11 member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house of
12 representatives.

13 (iii) The legislative members must appoint additional members
14 representing stakeholders including, but not limited to, business,
15 local government, agricultural, and conservation interests, and
16 request representation from tribal governments.

17 (iv) The director of fish and wildlife, or the director's
18 designee, must serve as a member.

19 (b) The task force must choose cochairs from among its
20 legislative membership. The legislative members must convene the
21 initial meeting of the task force.

1 (2) The task force must review current law, current and
2 historical practices of the department of fish and wildlife, and
3 alternative approaches concerning the extent of hydraulic project
4 approval program jurisdiction.

5 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by senate
6 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
7 research. The department of fish and wildlife must cooperate with the
8 task force and provide information as the task force may reasonably
9 request.

10 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
11 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
12 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
13 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
14 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
15 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

16 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
17 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
18 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
19 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
20 successor committees.

21 (6) The task force must provide a brief summary of its work and
22 any recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature
23 by October 1, 2017.

24 (7) This section expires June 30, 2018.

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