
HOUSE BILL 2363

State of Washington 54th Legislature 1996 Regular Session

By Representatives Delvin, Clements, Mastin, Grant and Hankins

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1 AN ACT Relating to fish habitat restoration; creating new sections;
2 and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that:

5 (1) Salmon and steelhead restoration issues continue to impact the
6 environment and the economy of the state of Washington;

7 (2) Irrigation facilities and wasteways may provide low-cost
8 opportunities to create or reestablish habitat; and

9 (3) Pilot design studies are needed to document the benefits and
10 costs of using existing irrigation facilities and wasteways as habitat
11 for salmon and steelhead.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A project shall be conducted at
13 Washington State University to:

14 (a) Identify irrigation facilities within the state that can be
15 used to provide habitat to anadromous fish; and

16 (b) Develop conceptual designs to restore habitat in the Chandler
17 irrigation canal on the Yakima river and in state-owned land on Crab

1 creek. The designs in this subsection shall be developed in a manner
2 that will avoid any impact on existing water rights.

3 (2) In conducting this project, Washington State University shall
4 work with all appropriate local, state, and federal agencies, and with
5 any irrigation, environmental, and tribal interests.

6 (3) By December 1, 1997, Washington State University shall submit
7 a report to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature
8 identifying the potential benefits and costs of using irrigation canals
9 and wasteways as habitat for anadromous fish, including an
10 identification of potential funding mechanisms.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of eighty thousand dollars, or as
12 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
13 ending June 30, 1997, from the general fund to Washington State
14 University for the purposes of section 2 of this act.

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