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By Committee on Water, Energy & Telecommunications

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 90.82.060 and 2003 c 328 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

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

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

24 (b) For purposes of this chapter, WRIA 40 shall be divided such
25 that the portion of the WRIA located entirely within the Stemilt and
26 Squilchuck subbasins shall be considered WRIA 40a and the remaining
27 portion shall be considered WRIA 40b. Planning may be conducted
28 separately for WRIA 40a and 40b. WRIA 40a shall be eligible for one-
29 fourth of the funding available for a single WRIA, and WRIA 40b shall
30 be eligible for three-fourths of the funding available for a single

1 WRIA. However, upon approval of a watershed plan by the planning unit
2 and the counties with territory within the management area, WRIA 40a
3 and 40b are each eligible for one-half of the funding available for
4 phase four watershed plan implementation.

5 (c) For purposes of this chapter, WRIA 14 shall be divided such
6 that the portion of the WRIA where surface waters drain into Hood Canal
7 shall be considered WRIA 14b, and the remaining portion shall be
8 considered WRIA 14a. Planning for WRIA 14b under this chapter shall be
9 conducted by the WRIA 16 planning unit. WRIA 14b shall be eligible for
10 one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA, and WRIA 14a shall
11 be eligible for one-half of the funding available for a single WRIA.

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

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

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

23 (6) The organizing grant shall be used to organize the planning
24 unit and to determine the scope of the planning to be conducted. In
25 determining the scope of the planning activities, consideration shall
26 be given to all existing plans and related planning activities. The
27 scope of planning must include water quantity elements as provided in
28 RCW 90.82.070, and may include water quality elements as contained in
29 RCW 90.82.090, habitat elements as contained in RCW 90.82.100, and
30 instream flow elements as contained in RCW 90.82.080. The initiating
31 governments shall work with state government, other local governments
32 within the management area, and affected tribal governments, in
33 developing a planning process. The initiating governments may hold
34 public meetings as deemed necessary to develop a proposed scope of work
35 and a proposed composition of the planning unit. In developing a
36 proposed composition of the planning unit, the initiating governments
37 shall provide for representation of a wide range of water resource
38 interests.

1 (7) Each state agency with regulatory or other interests in the
2 WRIA or multi-WRIA area to be planned shall assist the local citizens
3 in the planning effort to the greatest extent practicable, recognizing
4 any fiscal limitations. In providing such technical assistance and to
5 facilitate representation on the planning unit, state agencies may
6 organize and agree upon their representation on the planning unit.
7 Such technical assistance must only be at the request of and to the
8 extent desired by the planning unit conducting such planning. The
9 number of state agency representatives on the planning unit shall be
10 determined by the initiating governments in consultation with the
11 governor's office.

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

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15 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "14;" strike the remainder of
16 the title and insert "and amending RCW 90.82.060."

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