

2SHB 2530 - S AMD 318

By Senator Morton

1 On page 1, after line 16, insert the following:

2 "(3) The study required by this section must include
3 recommendations, if any, regarding changes to the current penalties for
4 actions involving small scale prospecting and mining, as defined in RCW
5 77.55.011, that are in violation of the requirements of the gold and
6 fish pamphlet published by the department under RCW 77.55.091. Until
7 the study is complete or this section expires, whichever is sooner,
8 such violations are natural resource infractions punishable under
9 chapter 7.84 RCW."

10 On page 2, after line 11, insert the following:

11 "**Sec. 2.** RCW 77.15.300 and 2000 c 107 s 239 are each amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (1) A person is guilty of unlawfully undertaking hydraulic project
14 activities if the person constructs any form of hydraulic project or
15 performs other work on a hydraulic project and:

16 (a) Fails to have a hydraulic project approval required under
17 chapter 77.55 RCW for such construction or work; or

18 (b) Violates any requirements or conditions of the hydraulic
19 project approval for such construction or work.

20 (2) Except as provided in section 1 of this act, unlawfully
21 undertaking hydraulic project activities is a gross misdemeanor."

22 Correct the title.

23 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
24 references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Requires the study to include recommendations regarding penalties for actions involving small scale prospecting and mining. During the study period, such violations are punishable as infractions.