

2 **SHB 2449** - S AMD - 246

3 By Senators Fraser and Swecker

4 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
5 following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) A legislative joint select committee on
7 water resources is created. The committee shall be composed of eight
8 members appointed as follows:

9 (a) Four members of the house of representatives appointed by the
10 speaker of the house, two from each political party caucus in the house
11 of representatives; and

12 (b) Four members of the senate appointed by the president of the
13 senate, two from each political party caucus in the senate.

14 (2) From among its members, the committee shall elect cochairs, one
15 who is a member of the house of representatives and one who is a member
16 of the senate.

17 (3) The committee shall examine the following subjects relating to
18 water transfers:

19 (a) Methods to encourage voluntary water rights transfers,
20 including incentives and streamlining of administrative procedures for
21 the approval of transfers;

22 (b) Standards and procedures that should apply to different types
23 of transfers, including temporary, permanent, and seasonal transfers,
24 changes in the nature and location of use, and consideration of impacts
25 to existing rights, communities in the origin of the water use, and
26 upon streamflows; and

27 (c) Standards and procedures for the protection of existing rights
28 and streamflows in considering water use changes or transfers.

29 (4) In conducting its review the committee shall provide for public
30 comment and shall conduct its meetings in various locations around the
31 state to facilitate public participation. The committee shall solicit
32 the views and technical assistance of water resource experts in water
33 resource disciplines.

1 (5) The committee's final report and recommendations for
2 legislation shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the
3 house of representatives and the senate by December 31, 1996.

4 (7) Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the office
5 of program research in the house of representatives and by senate
6 committee services.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act shall expire December 31, 1996."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "management;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and providing
13 an expiration date."

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