

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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WATERSHED PLANNING

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Yeas 88 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

CLYDE BALLARD  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN  
**President of the Senate**

Approved May 9, 2001

GARY LOCKE  
**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

We, Timothy A. Martin and Cynthia Zehnder, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 1865** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

CYNTHIA ZEHNDER  
**Chief Clerk**

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN  
**Chief Clerk**

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By Representatives G. Chandler and Grant

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1            AN ACT Relating to irrigation districts acting as initiating  
2 governments for watershed planning; and amending RCW 90.82.060.

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

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.82.060 and 1998 c 247 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

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

13            (2) Watershed planning under this chapter may be initiated for a  
14 WRIA only with the concurrence of: (a) All counties within the WRIA;  
15 (b) the largest city or town within the WRIA unless the WRIA does not  
16 contain a city or town; and (c) the water supply utility obtaining the  
17 largest quantity of water from the WRIA or, for a WRIA with lands  
18 within the Columbia Basin project, the water supply utility obtaining  
19 from the Columbia Basin project the largest quantity of water for the

1 WRIA. To apply for a grant for organizing the planning unit as  
2 provided for under RCW 90.82.040(2)(a), these entities shall designate  
3 the entity that will serve as the lead agency for the planning effort  
4 and indicate how the planning unit will be staffed.

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

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

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

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

32 (7) Each state agency with regulatory or other interests in the  
33 WRIA or multi-WRIA area to be planned shall assist the local citizens  
34 in the planning effort to the greatest extent practicable, recognizing  
35 any fiscal limitations. In providing such technical assistance and to  
36 facilitate representation on the planning unit, state agencies may  
37 organize and agree upon their representation on the planning unit.  
38 Such technical assistance must only be at the request of and to the  
39 extent desired by the planning unit conducting such planning. The

1 number of state agency representatives on the planning unit shall be  
2 determined by the initiating governments in consultation with the  
3 governor's office.

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

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