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Brief Description: Authorizing a pilot program for the settlement of water rights.

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Declares an intent for the state to participate in a federally authorized pilot negotiation and settlement process with tribal governments and the United States regarding their respective water rights.

Appropriates the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, from the general fund for the fiscal year ending July 1, 2005, to the governor's office to defray the costs of forming and operating the negotiating team established in this act and to pay an equitable share of the costs of facilitation by the United States Institute.