

5027-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water  
(originally sponsored by Senators Morton, Rasmussen and Hale)

Brief Description: Giving local citizens and governments authority to determine the allocation and management of water in a water resource inventory area. Revised for 1st Substitute: Providing for locally developed watershed planning.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Declares and reaffirms that a core principle embodied in chapter 90.82 RCW is that state agencies must work cooperatively with local citizens in a process of planning for future uses of water by giving local citizens and the governments closest to them the utmost opportunity in determining the future allocation and management of water in the WRIA or WRIAs being planned.

Finds that this process of local planning must have all the tools necessary to accomplish this task and that it is essential for the legislature to provide a clear statutory process for implementation so that the locally developed plan will be the adopted and implemented plan to the greatest extent possible.