

2ESSB 5034 - S AMD TO S AMD (S-3053.3/13) 383
By Senator Ericksen

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1 On page 120, after line 10 of the amendment, insert the following:
2 "(12) \$480,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal
3 year 2014 and \$480,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for
4 fiscal year 2015, and \$3,900,000 of the state toxics control account--
5 state appropriation are provided solely for the department's water
6 quality program, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in
7 this subsection. Within these amounts, the department shall compile
8 and evaluate all available information on fish consumption in
9 Washington state and elsewhere and present such information to the
10 legislature. This information shall consider whether the fish came
11 from Washington waters or elsewhere, whether and how various fish
12 species are incorporated into the consumption rate, and a comparison of
13 regional versus statewide fish consumption rates. The department will
14 also consider relevant studies from Lake Roosevelt and the Columbia
15 river, including related bio-concentration studies. This information
16 must be considered in rule-making activity to revise the human health
17 criteria for the water quality standards for surface water in chapter
18 173-201A WAC. The department will present this information and the
19 status of the rule-making process to the appropriate committees of the
20 2014 legislature by January 31, 2014, prior to issuing a draft rule to
21 update the water quality standards. \$1,600,000 of the state toxics
22 control account--state appropriation is provided solely for the
23 University of Washington school of public health to conduct a study of
24 fish consumption rates within the general population. The study shall
25 characterize fish consumption rates and dietary habits, and their
26 distribution in regions and ethnic groups representative of the state
27 population. The study shall at a minimum include: (a) Body weight,
28 age, gender, and ethnicity; (b) residence and geographic location; (c)
29 the identification by species of fin fish and shellfish consumed,
30 including whether the fish is a marine, freshwater, or anadromous
31 species; (d) the source of the fin fish and shellfish consumed, in

1 particular where the fish was raised and landed; (e) the body parts of
2 fin fish and shellfish consumed; and (f) the preparation and cooking
3 methods used. This study shall be completed no later than January 31,
4 2015. This study must be completed, considered, and addressed prior to
5 the department's issuance of any draft rule to update water quality
6 standards and in any final rule. No more than thirty percent of the
7 amount provided in this subsection may be used to fund university
8 indirect and administrative expenses."

EFFECT: Requires the department of ecology to compile and evaluate certain information on fish consumption and present this information and status of rulemaking to appropriate committees of the legislature by January 31, 2014.

Requires the University of Washington to conduct a study of fish consumption rates within the general population.

Study must be completed and considered prior to the Ecology's issuance of a draft rule to update water quality rates.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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