

ESSB 5048 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-2540.1/17) **395**

By Representative Shea

WITHDRAWN 03/30/2017

1 On page 2, after line 18, insert the following subsection:

2 "(2)(a)(i) A legislative task force on projecting costs to
3 complete the Columbia basin project is established, with members as
4 provided in this subsection.

5 (A) The president of the senate shall appoint two members from the
6 senate, one from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

7 (B) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two
8 members from the house of representatives, one from each of the two
9 largest caucuses of the house of representatives.

10 (C) The governor shall appoint one member representing the
11 governor.

12 (ii) The task force shall choose its chair from among the
13 legislators in its membership. Legislative members shall convene the
14 initial meeting of the task force.

15 (b) The task force shall review the following issues:

16 (i) Costs to complete the project;

17 (ii) Timeline, stages, and stakeholders needed to complete the
18 project; and

19 (iii) Feasibility of completing the project.

20 (c) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
21 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
22 program research.

23 (d) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
24 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
25 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
26 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,

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1 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
2 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

3 (e) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
4 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
5 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
6 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
7 successor committees.

8 (f) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
9 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September 30,
10 2017."

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12 On page 2, after line 24, insert the following:

13 "The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
14 conditions and limitations: (1)(a) A legislative task force on
15 projecting costs to complete the Columbia Basin Project is
16 established, with members as provided in this subsection.

17 (i) The president of the senate shall appoint two members from the
18 senate, one from each of the two largest caucuses of the senate.

19 (ii) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint two
20 members from the house of representatives, one from each of the two
21 largest caucuses of the house of representatives.

22 (iii) The governor shall appoint one member representing the
23 governor.

24 (b) The task force shall choose its chair from among the
25 legislators in its membership. Legislative members shall convene the
26 initial meeting of the task force.

27 (2) The task force shall review the following issues:

28 (a) Costs to complete the project;

29 (b) Timeline, stages, and stakeholders needed to complete the
30 project; and

31 (c) Feasibility of completing the project.

32 (3) Staff support for the task force must be provided by the
33 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
34 program research.

1 (4) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
2 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
3 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
4 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
5 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
6 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

7 (5) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
8 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
9 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
10 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
11 successor committees.

12 (6) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations
13 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by September 30,
14 2017."

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EFFECT: Creates a legislative task force on projecting costs
to complete the Columbia Basin Project.

FISCAL IMPACT: No net change to appropriated levels.

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