
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1922

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Hunt, Callan, and Parshley)

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1 AN ACT Relating to hydraulic project approval mitigation after
2 natural events; amending RCW 77.55.261; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.55.261 and 2005 c 146 s 604 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) Whenever the placement of woody debris is required as a
7 condition of a permit issued under RCW 77.55.021, the department,
8 upon request, shall invite comment regarding that placement from the
9 local governmental authority, affected tribes, affected federal and
10 state agencies, and the project applicant.

11 (2) Whenever the placement of woody debris is required as a
12 condition of a permit issued under RCW 77.55.021 for work necessary
13 to respond to impacts from an extreme weather event or natural
14 disaster, the department must consider the following factors in
15 determining a reasonable placement amount and location in accordance
16 with RCW 77.55.231(1)(a):

17 (a) The emergency nature of the work;

18 (b) The extent to which urban development and the built
19 environment along the waterway may limit appropriate sites, access
20 to, or ownership of sites for woody debris placement;

21 (c) Any potential increased risk of flooding;

1 (d) Whether the placement increases the potential for
2 accumulation of debris that may create problematic log jams; and

3 (e) The proportionate benefits to the protection of fish life
4 from:

5 (i) Prioritizing substantial mitigation, rather than one-to-one
6 replacement, of woody debris removed from the waterway as part of the
7 immediate response to the event or disaster; and

8 (ii) Limiting the maximum amount of required replacement to the
9 woody debris that originated from the initial occurrence, and not
10 subsequent accumulation.

11 (3) The department must seek to apply the factors described in
12 subsection (2) of this section in a manner that results in equal
13 treatment of project applicants and achieves similar outcomes in time
14 and expense to respond to hazardous situations across disparate river
15 basins that may experience flooding, windstorms, and other severe
16 weather events.

17 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
19 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
20 effect immediately.

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