

Enacting Legislative Task Force Recommendations On Water Resource Mitigation *Fact Sheet*



SB 5517

**Sponsored by Senators
Warnick and Van De Wege**

Don't allow excessive water use from streams when we're already spending millions on salmon recovery.

The Problem

- 💧 Allowing out-of-kind mitigation will lower water levels in rivers and streams when fish need them the most, greatly hampering the multimillion-dollar efforts by the state to restore wild salmon runs.
- 💧 Allowing impairment of instream flows would lead to curtailments of water rights holders that are junior to the instream flow, most of which are small farmers.
- 💧 Ground water modeling is the best science we have available.
- 💧 The conservation requirements are already required and are weak
- 💧 Fee in lieu of mitigation will result in no mitigation at all.

An act relating to
excessive water use
from streams.

How the Bill Would Further Complicate These Problems

- 💧 This bill would allow cities to get new water permits for projected growth even when this will impair river levels.
- 💧 Cities would be required to mitigate the use by doing habitat improvement elsewhere, while leaving the actual impacted stream to potentially drop below minimum instream flows needed for salmon.
- 💧 It would also allow them to pay a fee in lieu of mitigation with no requirements that those funds be spent on correcting the impairment.

We recommend a loan or
grant fund to help cities fully
mitigate water for water.

Promoting Washington Agriculture Through Regulatory Reforms *Fact Sheet*



HB 2288

**Sponsored by
Representatives
Schmick and Dent**

A bill to exempt agriculture activity from the “substantial pollute” standard

Don't reduce the Department of Ecology's ability to proactively prevent agricultural pollution.

The Problem

-  This bill would significantly reduce Ecology's ability to proactively prevent pollution from entering the state's waters.
-  This bill would decrease Ecology's ability to hold agricultural polluters accountable by removing the response to agricultural activity that creates a substantial potential to violate chapter 90.48 or 90.56 RCW.
-  Agricultural pollution should not be given special deference under the statute.
-  This bill would increase the cost of and need for restoration projects in response to agricultural pollution.

Act now: Vote NO on HB 2288

6PPD and Tire Bill

Fact Sheet



SB 5931

An act relating to addressing 6PPD in motorized vehicle tires through safer products for Washington

Sponsored by Senators: Salomon, Kauffman;
Secondary sponsors: Senators Billig, Frame, Lovelett, Pedersen, Shewmake, and Wellman

The Problem

- 6PPD is a chemical commonly used in motor vehicle tires to prevent them from degrading quickly. As the tire degrades it produces 6PPD-quinone.
- When it rains, tire particles containing 6PPD-quinone are washed into streams, rivers, and other water bodies through stormwater runoff.

How the Bill Would Address the Problem

- The bill designates 6PPD as a priority chemical.
- The bill designates certain motorized vehicle tires containing 6PPD as priority consumer products for Washington.
- This bill requires Ecology to take regulatory action on 6PPD in motorized vehicle tires.
- The bill will help reduce sources and uses of 6PPD in Washington to protect aquatic life, particularly salmon.

 Act Now: Support SB 5931



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Beaver Bill

Fact Sheet



SB 5846

Sponsored by Senators: Salomon, Liias, Lovelett, Saldaña, Van De Wege

An act relating to the development of a Washington State Beaver Ecosystem Management Plan

The Problem

- There is no statewide recognition/plan regarding the ample ecosystem services and nature-based solution that beavers can provide.
- This leads to patchwork management plans and habitat discontinuities.
- Landowners do not have technical or financial resources to manage human-beaver conflicts, often resulting in beavers removal.
- The lack of a cohesive management strategy and community resources reduces the efficacy of these low cost, high return, ecosystem engineers.

How the Bill Would Address the Problem

- Statewide standards and a Beaver Ecosystem Management Plan will acknowledge the ecological importance of beavers and provide personnel and funding to implement said plans.
- State residents will have support to mitigate conflicts, reducing damage to human infrastructure while allowing beavers to continue to thrive.
- Managing beavers, while maintaining their ecological benefits to our communities, will improve aquatic habitat quantity, biodiversity, and increase flood resilience and water returned to streams and rivers during low flow periods.

 **Act Now: Support SB 5846**



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