

## DOE Water Resource Program: Bills of Interest, 2016 legislative session; March 10, 2016

## House Bills

	Bill Number	Bill Title	Sponsor	Companion	Bill Description	Session Progress as of 3/17/2016
1	HB <a href="#">1130</a>	Concerning water power license fees.	Fey, Short, Tharinger, Fitzgibbon, Gregerson		Change the expiration date for hydropower license fees from 6/30/2017 to 6/30/2027.	Feb 16 <b>1st substitute bill substituted (ENVI 16)</b> . Rules suspended. Placed on third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 71; nays, 27; absent, 0; excused, 0. <b>In The Senate:</b> Feb 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 1:30 PM. (Subject to change). Feb 25 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment & Telecommunications at 1:30 PM. Feb 26 EET - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass. Minority; without recommendation; Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Mar 2 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. Mar 4 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 46; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 0. <b>In The House:</b> Mar 8 House concurred in Senate amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 80; nays, 16; absent, 0; excused 2. Mar 10 Speaker signed. <b>In The Senate:</b> President signed. <b>Other Than Legislative Action:</b> Delivered to Governor.
2	EHB <a href="#">1187</a>	Concerning best practices for water banks.	Chandler, Blake, Buys, Stanford, Hayes, Parker	ESB 5014	Applies to Yakima Basin only; Transparency and consistency measures for water banks; Water supplies for waterbanks must be "adequate, reliable and uninterrupted;" Prohibits preferential treatment in granting mitigation credits to similarly situated water uses; post cost and fee schedules for water banks to agency website	Feb 2 House Rules "X" file.
3	HB <a href="#">2311</a>	Admin. Rules validity	Blake, Scott, Hargrove, Hurst, McCaslin, Griffey, Rodne, Manweller, Buys, Holy, Zeiger, Condotta, Vick, Van Werven	SB 6456	Concerning the validity of administrative rules. Prohibits any agency policy from being enforced "unless and until it has been adopted pursuant to Chapter 34.05 RCW and filed with the Office of the Code Reviser (RCW 24.05.380)."	Jan 26 Public hearing in the House Committee on State Government at 10:00 AM. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
4	ESHB <a href="#">2430</a>	Preserving water resources for an array of water supply needs, including irrigated agriculture, fish and wildlife habitat, and municipal use, by updating water conservation standards for appliances.	Stanford, Lytton, Tarleton, Fitzgibbon		Preserving water resources for an array of water supply needs, including irrigated agriculture, fish and wildlife habitat, and municipal use, by updating water conservation standards for appliances.	Feb 12 <b>1st substitute bill substituted (AGNR 16)</b> . Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 50; nays, 45; absent, 0; excused, 2. <b>In The Senate:</b> Feb 23 Scheduled for public hearing in the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water & Rural Economic Development at 9:00 AM. (Subject to change). Feb 24 Referred to Commerce & Labor. Mar 10 By resolution, returned to House Rules Committee for third reading.
5	HB <a href="#">2486</a>	Updating specified environmental statutes of the department of ecology to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.	Fitzgibbon, Tharinger, Ryu, Van De Wege, McBride	SB 6257	Updating specified environmental statutes of the department of ecology to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.	Feb 9 Referred to Rules 2 Review. <b>1st Special Session:</b> By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
6	HB <a href="#">2720</a>	Protecting private property rights by aligning the jurisdictional scope of the state water pollution control act with the jurisdictional scope of the federal clean water act	Scott, Taylor, Schmick, Dent, Van Werven, Buys, Griffey, McCaslin, Holy, Manweller, Shae		Protecting private property rights by aligning the jurisdictional scope of the state water pollution control act with the jurisdictional scope of the federal clean water act	Jan 28 Public hearing in the House Committee on Environment at 8:00 AM. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 by resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
7	HB <a href="#">2788</a>	Identifying water rights for municipal water supply purposes.	Shea, McCaslin	SB 6215	An act relating to identifying water rights for municipal water supply purposes; and amending RCW 90.03.560.	Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 10:00 AM. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

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8	HB	<a href="#">2863</a>	Concerning the administrative rules governing the provision of emergency drought relief funds for drinking water supply projects.	McCabe, Blake, Chandler, Dent, Johnson		An act relating to the administrative rules governing the provision of emergency drought relief funds for drinking water supply projects; and amending RCW 43.83B.430 and 43.83B.420.	Feb 16 Rules Committee relieved of further consideration. Placed on second reading. Feb 26 House Rules "X" file. Feb 26 House Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
9	HB	<a href="#">2952</a>	Understanding the effects on the value of private property by the department of ecology's administrative actions to establish instream flow rules.	Scott, Manweller, Holy, Hayes, Haler, Shea		Directs the Washington State Institute for Public Policy, to either directly or through contract with a third party with expertise in economic analysis, to develop a report estimating the loss in value of private property as a direct or proximate result of instream flow rules.	Feb 1 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report). <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

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		Bill Number	Bill Title	Sponsor	Companion	Bill Description	Session Progress as of 3/17/2016
1	SSB	<a href="#">5129</a>	Concerning overriding considerations of the public interest in management of the waters of the state.	Pearson, Honeyford		When setting instream flows, making water available for domestic uses in a reserve is an overriding consideration of the public interest; domestic use is defined; amend the Skagit Rule to accommodate this legislative policy decision	Jan 19 Moved to Rules White Sheet. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
2	SB	<a href="#">5136</a>	Repealing an instream flow rule and adopting a new instream flow rule.	Bailey, Pearson, Ericksen, Honeyford, Benton		Repeal and initiate a rule making process to adopt a new rule in the Skagit basin	Jan 19 Moved to Rules White Sheet. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
3	SB	<a href="#">5491</a>	Maintaining reservations of water for certain future uses.	Parlette, Hatfield, King, Hargrove, Benton, Pearson, Braun, Rivers, Cleveland, Warnick, Honeyford, Bailey		An act relating to maintaining reservations of water for certain future uses; and adding a new section to chapter 90.54 RCW.	Jan 11 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
4	SB	<a href="#">6033</a>	Establishing a task force to examine state and local regulations that affect small businesses.	Roach, Liias, Benton		Establishing a task force to examine state and local regulations that affect small businesses.	Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. Feb 25 Senat Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
5	SSB	<a href="#">6179</a>	Concerning water banking.	Honeyford		This bill amends the section of the trust statute that lists the purposes of and exclusions to "us[ing] the trust water rights program for water banking" by Ecology. Water rights accepted into trust must be "adequate." Also includes new transparency measures.	Feb 9 <b>1st substitute bill substituted (AWRD 16)</b> . Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 1; excused, 1. <b>In The House:</b> Feb 26 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change). AGNR - Majority; do pass with amendment(s). Referred to Rules 2 Review. Mar 2 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. Mar 4 Committee amendment(s) adopted as amended. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 94; nays, 3; absent, 0; excused, 1. <b>In The Senate:</b> Mar 7 Senate concurred in House amendments. Passed final passage; yeas, 47; nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1. Mar 8 President signed. <b>In The House:</b> Mar 9 Speaker signed. <b>Other Than Legislative Action:</b> Delivered to Governor.
6	ESSB	<a href="#">6215</a>	Identifying water rights for municipal water supply purposes.	Padden, Warnick, Pearson, Becker	HB 2788	Expanding the definition of "municipal water supply purposes" to include irrigation or agricultural irrigation purpose of use water rights, and dairy purpose of use water rights."	Feb 17 <b>1st substitute bill substituted (AWRD 16)</b> . Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading, passed; yeas, 27; nays, 21; absent, 1; excused, 0. <b>In The House:</b> Feb 18 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Natural Resources (Not Officially read and referred until adoption of Introduction report). Feb 24 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. Feb 26 Executive session scheduled, but no action was taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. Mar 10 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

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7	SB	<a href="#">6223</a>	Enhancng regulatory agency coordination.	Brown, Angel, Braun, Hewitt		Enhancing regulatory agency coordination. Office of Innovations and Regulatory Assistance (ORIA) work would be expanded to "ensure ongoing coordination among regulatory agencies, reducing costs for both government and business."	Jan 28 <b>TRED - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.</b> And refer to Ways & Means. Referred to Ways & Means. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
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8	SB	<a href="#">6257</a>	Updating specified environmental statutes of the department of ecology to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.	Takko	HB 2486	Updating specified environmental statutes of the department of ecology to improve efficiency and provide for increased flexibility for local governments.	Jan 13 First reading, referred to Energy, Environment & Telecommunications. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
9	SB	<a href="#">6456</a>	Concerning the validity of administrative rules	Benton, Honeyford, Padden, Hobbs	SB 2311	An act relating to the validity of administrative rules; and adding a new section to chapter 34.05 RCW.	Feb 2 LAW - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass. On motion, referred to Ways & Means. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
10	ESSB	<a href="#">6513</a>	Concerning reservations of water	Warnick, Hobbs, Parlette, Takko, Hargrove, Honeyford		An act relating to reservations of water; adding a new section to chapter 90.54 RCW; and declaring an emergency.	Feb 16 <b>1st substitute bill substituted (AWRD 16)</b> . Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 48; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 1. <b>In The House:</b> Feb 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change). Feb 24 Passed out of committee with no new amendments. Feb 25 Referred to Rules 2 Review. Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. Mar 4 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 93; nays, 4; absent, 0; excused, 1. <b>In The Senate:</b> Mar 7 President signed. Mar 9 Speaker signed. <b>Other Than Legislative Action:</b> Delivered to Governor.
11	SB	<a href="#">6537</a>	Concerning irrigation under the federal Columbia Basin project.	Warnick, Benton, Bailey, Becker, Takko, Angel, Schoesler, King, Brown, Honeyford, Hewitt		Authorizes the department of Ecology to allow some Odessa ground water right holders who elect to receive surface water replacement within the federal Columbia Basin Project to exceed the number of irrigated acres on their Odessa ground water right certificate, if such an allowance is consistent with federal law under the federal Columbia Basin Project.	Feb 5 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
12	SB	<a href="#">6584</a>	Establishing a proof of water reliance application process by which any property owner who relies on legal water availability to obtain a building permit prior to the invalidation of an instream flow rule may secure proof that continued use of water at the property will not be considered to be causing impairment of minimum flows.	Pearson, Bailey, Warnick		Validates building permits that were invalidated by a judicial action if the proof of adequate water relied on an exempt well	Feb 9 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 1:30 PM. WM - Majority; do pass. Minority; do not pass. Passed to Rules Committee for second reading. Feb 25 Senate Rules "X" file. <b>1st Special Session:</b> Mar 10 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
13	ESB	<a href="#">6589</a>	Concerning a feasibility study to examine whether water storage would provide noninterruptible water resources to users of permit exempt wells.	Bailey, Pearson, Warnick		Directs the agency, in collaboration with health, Skagit county, and nonmunicipally owned public water systems in Skagit county, to conduct a feasibility study concerning the use of stored water to recharge the Skagit river basin to meet minimum instream flows and provide noninterruptible water to permit exempt well users in the Skagit basin. The study would need to be completed by December 1, 2016	Feb 16 Floor amendment(s) adopted. Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 49; nays, 0; absent, 0; excused, 0. <b>In The House:</b> Feb 24 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change). Feb 24 Passed out of committee with no new amendments. Feb 25 Referred to Rules 2 Review. Mar 3 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee. Mar 4 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading. Third reading, passed; yeas, 96, nays, 1; absent, 0; excused, 1. <b>In The Senate:</b> Mar 7 President signed. <b>In The House:</b> Mar 9 Speaker signed. <b>Other Than Legislative Action:</b> Delivered to Governor.