

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 6589 SB	Title: Water storage/exempt wells
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Estimated Expenditures

Agency Name	2015-17			2017-19			2019-21		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Department of Health	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Ecology	.0	91,769	91,769	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Total	0.0	\$91,769	\$91,769	0.0	\$0	\$0	0.0	\$0	\$0

Local Gov. Courts *									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other **	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Impact

NONE

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* See Office of the Administrator for the Courts judicial fiscal note

** See local government fiscal note

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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6589 SB	Title: Water storage/exempt wells	Agency: 303-Department of Health
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Part I: Estimates

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No Fiscal Impact

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

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- ☐ Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- ☐ Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

Section 1: This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to work in cooperation with the Department of Ecology, Skagit County, and non-municipal water systems to complete a study by December 1, 2016, that evaluates water storage options in the Skagit River basin. The costs to DOH for participating in the study would be minor and considered a part of normal business; therefore, there is no fiscal impact to DOH.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Briefly describe and quantify the cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency, identifying the cash receipts provisions by section number and when appropriate the detail of the revenue sources. Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 6589 SB	Title: Water storage/exempt wells	Agency: 461-Department of Ecology
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Part I: Estimates

☐ No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Expenditures from:

	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	27,369	64,400	91,769	0	0
Total \$	27,369	64,400	91,769	0	0

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Briefly describe by section number, the significant provisions of the bill, and any related workload or policy assumptions, that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency.

Under current law, certain users of public ground or surface waters of the state must receive approval from Ecology prior to using the water. This approval to use water is granted in the form of a water right permit or certificate. In some cases, applications for water use occur in basins that do not have sufficient water supply to allow Ecology to issue new water right permits or certificates. If the applicant meets certain conditions, they are considered “exempt” from the permitting requirements and do not require a permit or certificate in order to use the water.

This bill would direct Ecology to conduct a feasibility study of using water storage to recharge waters within the Skagit River Basin in order to meet instream flow requirements and to provide a non-interruptible water supply to users of permit exempt wells within the basin. Ecology would be required to coordinate with the Department of Health, Skagit County and non-municipally owned public water systems within the county.

Section 1(2) of the bill would require Ecology to submit a report to standing committees of the legislature that have oversight over water resources and fiscal issues by December 1, 2016.

This bill would have fiscal impact on Ecology since it requires a study to examine science and technical issues related to water supply in the Skagit River basin. Ecology would contract the feasibility investigation to a third party with the technical and scientific resources needed to gather information and meet the reporting deadline of December 1, 2016. Oversight and project management of the contract would be conducted by existing Ecology staff.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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II. C - Expenditures

Briefly describe the agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), identifying by section number the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings). Briefly describe the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explain how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguish between one time and ongoing functions.

Ecology Assumptions:

1. Technical work for the study would be contracted to a third party to collect data and identify conclusions;
2. The contractor would start work April 2016 and conclude work October 2016;
3. The contractor would conduct;
 - a. Watershed assessment of potential mitigation sites;
 - b. Groundwater assessment of each potential mitigation site;
 - c. Conceptual design of individual mitigation sites;
4. Ecology would provide contract oversight and project management.

Ecology estimates \$85,000 would be required to contract the study to a third party. These costs are included in Object C.

Ecology estimates that 0.02 FTE in FY16 and .03 FTE in FY17 of a Hydrogeologist 4 would be required to

perform contract oversight duties, technical assistance to contractor, technical and scientific evaluation of data and overall project management duties related to the study. This position would also be responsible for final compilation of the report that is required to be submitted to the legislature by December 1, 2016.

Notes on costs by object:

Salary estimates are current actual rates at step H, the agency average for new hires.

Benefits are the agency average of 35.5% of salaries.

Contract costs of \$85,000 are included for the study.

Goods and Services are the agency average of \$4,008 per direct program FTE.

Travel is the agency average of \$2,227 per direct program FTE.

Equipment is the agency average of \$1,041 per direct program FTE.

Agency Administrative Overhead is calculated at the federally approved agency indirect rate of 26.1% of direct program salaries and benefits, and is shown as object 9.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.0	0.0		
A-Salaries and Wages	1,312	2,437	3,749		
B-Employee Benefits	466	865	1,331		
C-Professional Service Contracts	25,000	60,000	85,000		
E-Goods and Other Services	70	130	200		
G-Travel	39	72	111		
J-Capital Outlays	18	34	52		
9-Agency Administrative Overhead	464	862	1,326		
Total:	\$27,369	\$64,400	\$91,769	\$0	\$0

III. B - Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2016	FY 2017	2015-17	2017-19	2019-21
HYDROGEOLOGIST 4	74,970	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Total FTE's	74,970	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Identify provisions of the measure that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.