

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 2187 HB	Title: Water/family farms	Agency: 461-Department of Ecology
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- 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

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

Ecology manages the state's water supply to meet the needs of people and the natural environment. Waters of the state belong to the public and can't be owned by any individual or group. A person or group may be granted a right to use a volume of water, for a defined purpose, in a specific place. Chapter 90.54 RCW, also known as the Water Resources Act of 1971, guides water use in the state by outlining the general purposes of how water may be used related to the public interest, sectors of water use (domestic, agriculture, etc.), water quality, instream flows, maximum net benefit, conservation, etc.

Under current law, operation of a Family Farm does not qualify for specific consideration under chapter 90.54 RCW to be included in the overall purposes guiding water use in the state.

Section 1 of the bill would amend RCW 90.54.020 to require that temporary or permanent appropriations that would have adverse impacts on instream values protected in rules established under chapter 90.22 or 90.54 RCW can only be authorized with mitigation, or under provisions in chapter 90.54 RCW. This section would also declare that Family Farms located fewer than 20 miles from a city with a population greater than 150,000 and that has been in continuous operation for more than 100 years and produces fresh fruits and vegetables for urban residents would be deemed to be in the public interest under chapter 90.54 RCW. Because of this, the bill authorizes new appropriations for those uses to have adverse impacts on instream resources.

Ecology would have no fiscal impact from this bill. Presently, Ecology is aware of one entity that would fit these criteria and could potentially apply to use water under criteria listed in the bill. However, the total number of entities that could qualify under the proposed criteria for a family farm is indeterminate. Ecology anticipates that this one entity (or any others that might qualify) would follow current application and processing procedures with existing staff who process applications, with no new fiscal impact.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.