

**Ecology Water Resources -- Bills of Interest, 2022 Legislative Session
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Active House Bills					
Bill No.	Bill Title	Prime Sponsor	Bill Description	Hearings	Progress
Active Senate Bills					
5860	Concerning water policy in regions with regulated reductions in aquifer levels.	Warnick	Reestablishes the process for groundwater right holders in the Odessa subarea to apply for exemption from relinquishment for involuntary nonuse. Provides that nonuse of a groundwater right in the Odessa subarea is involuntary due to aquifer conditions. <i>SSB: Provides automatic re-enrollment for water right holders who had previously provided notice of nonuse prior to June 30, 2021.</i>	SENATE Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 2/1: Public Hearing 2/3: Executive Session HOUSE Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources: 2/22: Public Hearing 2/23: Executive Session	SENATE 1/13: First Reading, referred to AWNP 2/3: Do Pass 1st Substitute, referred to Rules 2/11: Placed on 2nd reading 2/14: Placed on 3rd reading 3rd reading, passed 43-4 3/2: President Signed HOUSE 2/16: First Reading, referred to RDAN 2/23: Do Pass 1st Substitute 2/24: Referred to Rules 2/26: Placed on 2nd reading 3/1: Placed on 3rd reading 3rd reading, passed 97-0 3/2: Speaker Signed GOVERNOR 3/7: Delivered to Governor 3/11: Governor Signed
FYI Bills					
Inactive Bills					
1298	Concerning regulation of accessory dwelling units located outside of urban growth areas.	Pollet	Excludes accessory dwelling units located outside urban growth areas from the calculation of housing density in that area if certain local development regulations regarding accessory dwelling units are imposed. <i>SHB: Requires metering of water supplied to accessory dwelling units if water is not supplied from a public water system. Requires reporting of metering data and utilization of data in future planning.</i>	HOUSE Local Government:	2021: HOUSE: 1/19: 1st reading, referred to LG 2/15: Do pass 1st substitute, referred to Rules 3/2: Placed on 2nd reading 3/10: Returned to Rules for 2nd reading 2022: HOUSE: 1/10: Reintroduced, referred to Local Government
2067	Concerning the allocation of water that has been relinquished pursuant to chapter 90.14 RCW.	Kraft	Amends 90.14 to provide new requirements for allocating relinquished water. Two-thirds of relinquished water must be made available for out-of-stream uses with preference for local family farms, and the remaining one-third must be made available for instream use.	HOUSE Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources:	HOUSE 1/20: First Reading, referred to RDAN
2101	Modifying the scope of locations to which a water right established as a family farm permit may be transferred.	Goehner	This bill would amend 90.66.065 and 36.70.A.360 to allow family farm permits to be used for development of additional non-agricultural uses.	HOUSE Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources:	HOUSE 1/27: First Reading, referred to RDAN
2106	Clarifying the existence of riparian stock watering rights.	Klicker	Identifies the existence of de facto riparian stock water rights and amends 90.03.010 to include riparian stock water rights within the broader category of riparian water rights preserved under the 1917 water code.	HOUSE Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources:	HOUSE 1/28: First Reading, referred to RDAN
5632	Concerning investments in critical water infrastructure projects.	Honeyford	Establishes a large-scale water infrastructure program to fund projects that promote water availability, flood protection, fish passage, and stormwater management. Directs Ecology to pursue all new federal funding sources. Creates two new treasury accounts and commits to appropriating at least \$50 million per biennium up to a total program funding limit (including federal funding) of \$5 billion.	SENATE Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks: 1/10: First Reading 1/18: Public Hearing	SENATE 1/10: First Reading, referred to AWNP
5746	Concerning drought preparedness, response, and funding.	Warnick	Appropriates \$2 million per biennium to support a new grant program to fund drought planning and preparedness projects. Creates a new emergency drought response account and directs the state treasurer to allocate \$3 million for emergency drought response grants at the time of a drought emergency order. Authorizes the Joint Legislative Committee on Water Supply During Drought to convene when a drought advisory has been declared. <i>SSB: Clarifies technical requirements for allocation of money to the emergency drought response account.</i> <i>2SSB: Clarifies language referring to OFM.</i>	SENATE Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Parks: 1/13: Public Hearing 1/20: Executive Session Ways & Means: 2/3: Public Hearing 2/7: Executive Session HOUSE Rural Development, Agriculture & Natural Resources: 2/18: Public Hearing 2/23: Executive Session	SENATE 1/10: First Reading, referred to AWNP 1/20: Do Pass 1st Substitute 1/21: Referred to W&M 2/7: Do Pass 2nd Substitute, referred to Rules 2/9: Placed on 2nd reading 2/11: Placed on 3rd reading 3rd reading, passed 49-0 HOUSE 2/13: First Reading, referred to RDAN Do Pass 2nd Substitute 2/24: Referred to Appropriations 2/23:
5882	Clarifying the existence of riparian stock watering rights.	Muzzall	Identifies the existence of de facto riparian stock water rights and amends 90.03.010 to include riparian stock water rights within the broader category of riparian water rights preserved under the 1917 water code. <i>SSB: Adds a new section to 90.03.010 requiring riparian landowners to provide notice to Ecology of de minimis surface diversions for livestock watering. Directs Ecology to create a new information portal to receive and manage notice of these diversions. Amends intent language.</i>	SENATE Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks: 1/27: Public Hearing 2/3: Executive Session	SENATE 1/17: First Reading, referred to AWNP 2/3: Do Pass 1st Substitute, referred to Rules
5966	Concerning cost and water right data provided by the department of ecology prior to a water rights adjudication.	Sefzik	Amends 90.03 to include a mandate for a cost estimate analysis, to be completed to the legislature--as part of the agency's biennial budget submission to OFM--for adjudications and include a water right(s) evaluation for each year under the expected adjudication timeline.	SENATE Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks:	SENATE 1/31: First Reading, referred to AWNP