

Bill No.	Bill Title	Prime Sponsor	Bill Description	Hearings	Progress / Notes
<b>House Bills - Passed by the Legislature</b>					
<a href="#">1165</a>	Encouraging low-water landscaping practices as a drought alleviation tool.	Orwall	Prevents homeowners associations and condominiums from adopting ordinances that would prevent the use of low-water landscaping and wildfire ignition-resistant landscaping techniques. Also encourages that public buildings under RCW 39.35D are built as to qualify for national water efficient landscaping ratings.	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources:  Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 2/20: Public hearing 2/28: Exec.	<b>HOUSE:</b> 1/13: Reintroduced and retained in present status (House Rules) 1/21: Placed on 2nd reading 1/27: Placed on 3rd reading <b>Third reading, passed 93-4</b> 1/29: 1st Reading (Senate), referred to SenAgWNR <b>3/5: Speaker signed</b>  <b>SENATE:</b> 1/29: 1st reading, referred to SenAgWNR <b>2/28: Do pass</b> 3/2: Placed on 2nd reading 3/3: Placed on 3rd reading <b>3rd reading, passed 46-2</b> <b>3/6: President signed</b>  3/9: Delivered to Governor <b>3/18: Governor signed</b> <b>Effective date 6/11/2020</b>
<a href="#">1622</a>	Drought preparedness and response	Blake	Agency request legislation. Enables the state to more effectively respond to drought in the short term, while also setting up a framework to strengthen the resiliency and preparedness of water users for drought in the long term.	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources:  Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 2/20: Public hearing  Senate Ways and Means: 2/28: Public hearing 3/2: Exec.	<b>HOUSE:</b> 1/13: Reintroduced and retained in present status (House Rules) 1/28: Placed on 3rd reading <b>1/29: 3rd reading, passed 79-17</b> 3/7: House concurred in Senate Amendments <b>Final passage 87-10</b> <b>3/9: Speaker signed</b>  <b>SENATE:</b> <b>2/20: Do pass with amendments</b> 2/24: Referred to Ways and Means <b>3/2: Do pass with amendments</b> 3/4: Placed on 2nd reading 3/5: Placed on 3rd reading <b>3rd reading, passed 48-0</b> <b>3/10: President signed</b>  3/11: Delivered to Governor <b>3/27: Governor signed</b> <b>Effective date 6/11/2020</b>

<a href="#">2819</a>	Designating pumped storage projects located in a county bordering the Columbia river utilizing statutorily authorized water rights to be projects of statewide significance.	Mosbrucker	Identifies existing pumped storage projects as "projects of statewide significance" to provide expedited review.	House Environment and Energy: 2/3: Public Hearing 2/4: Exec.  Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 2/25: Public hearing and exec.	<p><b>HOUSE:</b>          1/23: 1st reading, referred to HEnvEn  <b>2/4: Do pass</b>          2/7: Referred to Rules          2/17: Placed on 2nd reading          2/18: Floor amendment(s) adopted; placed on 3rd reading; <b>3rd reading, passed 96-0</b>  <b>3/9: Speaker signed</b></p> <p><b>SENATE:</b>          2/20: 1st reading, referred to SenAgWNR  <b>2/25: Do pass</b>          2/26: Referred to Rules for 2nd reading          3/5: Placed on 2nd reading          3/6: Placed on 3rd reading  <b>3rd reading, passed 43-5</b>  <b>3/10: President signed</b></p> <p>3/11: Delivered to Governor  <b>3/18: Governor signed</b>  <b>Effective date 6/11/2020</b></p>
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**House Bills - Did not pass the Legislature**

<a href="#">1979</a>	Concerning the establishment of reasonable surface water flow levels	Maycumber	Establishes that minimum instream flow levels set in rule cannot exceed the highest non-flood flow documented for that month within the last 50 years. Directs Ecology to immediately repeal any instream flow rules where minimum flows are set above levels that exceed this standard.	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources: 1/21: Public hearing	1/13: Reintroduced and retained in present status (HRDevAgNR)
<a href="#">2553</a>	Creating a joint executive, legislative, and interagency work group on water resource policy for the purpose of developing a statewide water action plan.	Lekanoff	Convenes a 4 corners workgroup on water resource policy to develop a statewide water action plan.	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources:	1/15: 1st reading, referred to HRDevAgNR
<a href="#">2603</a>	Concerning trust water rights.	Springer	Clarifies and expands existing statute concerning donations and transfers into the state water trust. Establishes requirements for water banking applications. Creates stakeholder work group to study the design and process of the state water trust.  <i>SHB: Removes all provisions except stakeholder work group and designates that work group recommendations be submitted to the Foster Task Force.</i>	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources: 1/31: Public Hearing 2/7: Exec.	1/15: 1st reading, referred to HRDevAgNR <b>2/7: Do pass SHB, referred to Rules</b>
<a href="#">2765</a>	Creating a joint select committee on water resource policy for the purpose of developing a statewide water action plan.	Lekanoff	Convenes a legislative committee on water resource policy to develop a statewide water action plan	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources: 1/31: Public hearing 2/7: Exec.	Update of 2553 removing governor's office and agencies from work group  1/21: 1st reading, referred to HRDevAgNR 2/7: Exec. No action taken
<a href="#">2866</a>	Prohibiting transfers of water rights out of their original water resource inventory area.	Goehner	Prohibits Ecology and water conservancy boards from approving downstream out-of-WRIA water right transfers east of the Cascades. Places limits on the use of trust water and water banking.	House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources: 1/31: Public hearing 2/7: Exec.	1/27: 1st reading, referred to HRDevAgNR 2/7: Exec. No action taken

Active Senate Bills

None

Inactive Senate Bills

<a href="#">6036</a>	Providing opportunities for drought mitigation using trust water rights.	Honeyford	Establishes that certain water rights donated into the Trust Water Rights Program may be used to mitigate for water use during drought emergencies.	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 1/14: Public hearing	12/3: Prefiled for introduction 1/13 1st reading, referred to SAgWNR
<a href="#">6292</a>	Concerning water rights sales	Salomon	Establishes restrictions on use of trust water rights by water rights holder who have not previously put rights to beneficial use. Establishes that notice of sale must be provided to Ecology by purchasers of water rights separate from land.	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 1/21: Public hearing	1/15: 1st reading, referred to SAgWNR
<a href="#">6278</a>	Concerning water withdrawals for commercial bottled water production.	Carlyle	Establishes that use of water for commercial production of bottled water is detrimental to the public interest. Under the bill, Ecology would deny an application to appropriate water for such use.  <i>SSB: Provides exemption for municipal water suppliers.</i>	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 1/23: Public hearing 2/6: Exec.  House Rural Development, Agriculture, and Natural Resources: 2/26: Public hearing 2/28: Exec.	<b>SENATE:</b> 1/14: 1st reading, referred to SAgWNR <b>2/6: Do pass Substitute</b> 2/7: Referred to Rules for 2nd reading 2/13: Placed on 2nd reading 2/17: 3rd reading, passed 28-0  <b>HOUSE:</b> 2/20: 1st reading, referred to HRDevAgNR
<a href="#">6301</a>	Concerning public interest considerations in the transfer or change of surface water rights.	Van de Wege	Establishes that Ecology must consider public interest impacts when evaluating interbasin transfer. Establishes that sales of water rights separate from land are exempt from real estate excise tax provided purchasers file notice of sale with Ecology.	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 1/21: Public hearing	1/15: 1st reading, referred to SenAgWNR
<a href="#">6345</a>	Establishing the water infrastructure program.	Honeyford	Establishes a large-scale water infrastructure program to fund projects that promote water availability, flood protection, fish passage, and stormwater management. Intends to appropriate \$500 million per biennium, up to a total of \$5 billion.	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources:	1/15: 1st reading, referred to SAgWNR

<a href="#">6260</a>	Concerning tribal traditional and cultural interests in water resources.	McCoy	Establishes that Ecology must recognize tribal traditional and cultural interests waterbodies when making determinations of water availability and/or impairment.	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 1/21: Public hearing	1/14: 1st reading, referred to SAgWNR
<a href="#">6494</a>	Concerning trust water rights.	Rolfes	Clarifies and expands existing statute concerning donations and transfers into the state water trust. Establishes requirements for water banking applications. Creates stakeholder work group to study the design and process of the state water trust.  <i>SSB: Removes all provisions except stakeholder work group and designates that work group recommendations be submitted to the Foster Task Force.</i>	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 1/21: Public Hearing 2/6: Exec.	<b>2/6: Do pass SSB</b> 2/7: Referred to Rules for 2nd reading 2/11: Made eligible to be placed on 2nd reading
<a href="#">6578</a>	Designating pumped storage projects located in a county bordering the Columbia river utilizing statutorily authorized water rights to be projects of statewide significance.	Honeyford	Identifies existing pumped storage projects as "projects of statewide significance" to provide expedited review.  <i>SSB: Requires tribal consultation prior to project designation.</i>	Senate Agriculture, Water, and Natural Resources: 2/4: Public hearing 2/6: Exec.	<b>2/6: Do pass SSB</b> 2/7: Referred to Rules for 2nd reading 2/11: Placed on 2nd reading