



SB 6062/HB2299 Concerns the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to lease trust assets for the benefit of trust beneficiaries and the state.

CELP Proposed Ammendments sent to Sen. Solomon January 28, 2024

There are three amendments to DNR's Trust asset transfer bill. Yakama Nation and the Center for Law and Policy would like to ask for your vote in support. Senator Muzzell's amendment adds a consultation with affected Tribes, which Yakama and DNR agreed upon to be added before they enter into a lease.

The other two protect instream flows and add to the flows. The first adds 1/3 of the water leased, to remain instream. That is currently being done with a water banking provision from 2 years ago to counties to purchase and access water to put to municipal purposes with State funds, as long as 1/3 of water being purchased goes to instream flows.

The Second Stanford amendment says no water can be leased in watersheds that are closed to new appropriations or by rule, and would be detrimental to instream flows. In these Basins, water is already over appropriated and flows currently are not met. DNR would be directed to not enter leases of water in those Basins.

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