

1 **HB 2897 - H AMD 957 ADOPTED 2-13-98**

2 By Representative McMorris

3 On page 2, after line 7, insert the following:

4 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.21C to
5 read as follows:

6 Decisions pertaining to preparation and adoption of watershed
7 plans addressing water quality developed by counties or conservation
8 districts outside the Puget Sound area are not subject to the
9 requirements of this chapter if the requirements of subsections 1 and
10 2 of this section are satisfied.

11 (1) The plan must be developed by a watershed management committee
12 and its advisory committees which include representatives from:

13 (a) Cities and counties with territory in the planning area;

14 (b) Federal Indian reservations located in whole or in part within
15 the boundaries of the planning area;

16 (c) Special purpose districts within the boundaries of the
17 planning area;

18 (d) Interest groups representing the major interests in the
19 planning area;

20 (e) Landowners within the planning area; and

21 (f) State and federal agencies with jurisdiction over the subject
22 matter of the components of the watershed plan.

23 (2) Upon completion of the proposed watershed plan, at least one
24 public hearing in the planning area must be held.-

25 Correct the title

EFFECT: Exempts counties' or conservation districts' preparation and adoption of watershed plans for watersheds outside the Puget Sound region from the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act if participation and public hearing requirements are satisfied.