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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6494**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources & Parks (originally sponsored by Senators Rolfes, Van De Wege, Warnick, and McCoy; by request of Department of Ecology)

READ FIRST TIME 02/07/20.

1 AN ACT Relating to trust water rights; and amending RCW  
2 90.42.130.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.42.130 and 2016 c 215 s 1 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department shall seek input from agricultural  
7 organizations, federal agencies, tribal governments, local  
8 governments, watershed groups, conservation groups, and developers on  
9 water banking, including water banking procedures and identification  
10 of areas in Washington where water banking could assist in providing  
11 water supplies for instream and out-of-stream uses.

12 (2) The department shall convene a work group of affected  
13 entities to study the design and use of the state water trust, water  
14 banking, and the water transfer process in the state, and make  
15 recommendations on policy improvements. The department shall invite  
16 diverse water resource interests to serve on the work group. By  
17 August 1, 2020, the department shall present findings and  
18 recommendations to the joint legislative task force on water resource  
19 mitigation.

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