

**ESSB 5828 - H AMD 1124**

By Representative Lekanoff

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1 On page 1, after line 20, insert the following:

2 "(5)(a) A person appointed as a water commissioner must receive  
3 training as soon as reasonably practicable from the administrative  
4 office of the courts on the following topics:

5 (i) Water law, including state, federal, tribal, and international  
6 statutory and case law;

7 (ii) Indian law, including statutory and case law, agreements,  
8 executive orders, and treaties;

9 (iii) An overview of subjects in water science, such as physical  
10 and groundwater hydrology, hydrogeology, and irrigation management;  
11 and

12 (iv) Cultural awareness, including state and tribal history  
13 related to treaty and non-treaty tribes and governmental relationships  
14 with federally recognized tribes.

15 (b) The administrative office of the courts may contract with one  
16 or more academic institutions in Washington, as appropriate, to  
17 develop and deliver the training described in (a) of this subsection."  
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EFFECT: Requires that a person appointed as a water commissioner receive training from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) as soon as reasonably practicable on specified topics, including water law, Indian law, water science, and cultural awareness. Authorizes the AOC to contract with one or more academic institutions in Washington to develop and deliver the required training.

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