

PUGET SOUND PARTNERSHIP AGENCY REQUEST LEGISLATION FOR 2017



HOUSE BILL NUMBER 1121

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SHORT TITLE:

Reducing the frequency of updates to the Puget Sound Action Agenda Implementation Strategies and Science Work Plan

CURRENT SITUATION AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION:

- ▶ RCW 90.71.310 (4) requires the Puget Sound Partnership's Leadership Council to revise the Puget Sound Action Agenda Implementation Strategies every two years.
- ▶ RCW 90.71.290 (5) requires the Puget Sound Science Panel to develop a Science Work Plan every two years.

The mandate of biennial updates requires Puget Sound Partnership staff and partners to undertake continuous planning. This short cycle limits capacity to implement the plans and limits the scope of projects that can be completed by the next update.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROVISIONS:

This proposed agency request bill:

- ▶ Reduces the frequency of updates to the Puget Sound Action Agenda Implementation Strategies from once every two years to once every four years.
- ▶ Reduces the frequency of updates to the Puget Sound Science Work Plan from once every two years to once every four years.

BENEFITS:

By reducing the frequency of updates to the Puget Sound Action Agenda Implementation Strategies and Science Work Plan, this bill would enable the Puget Sound Partnership and its local and state partners to:



- ▶ Reduce the planning burden on partner and agency staff
- ▶ Reduce the size of government
- ▶ Free up resources (human and financial) to focus on implementation of the plans
- ▶ Create a planning cycle that accommodates implementation of larger projects and programs more likely to influence progress toward the region's recovery performance targets