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ACTION ALERT CONCERNING WATER RIGHT FEE INCREASE BILL!

Please call your senators and express your concerns with the House amendment that added water right fee increases to SB 6267. Ask them to not concur with the House amendment that added the fees.

To find your Senators: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

Background: E2SSB 6267 is the Department of Ecology's request bill. It adds two new water rights processing options – group cost reimbursement and expedited batch processing. The underlying bill will ensure that water rights get processed faster and will provide new money to the agency. The House added an amendment that dramatically increases and changes the fees for processing water rights. The fees for a new water right application and for a transfer or change of an existing water right increase dramatically. See attached for additional details.

PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZER BAN BILL DIED!

The phosphorous fertilizer ban bill (SB6289) died in rules at 5:00 pm last Friday.

During the negotiating process earlier in session, WALP Lobbyist Heather Hansen made the commitment to several legislators that if they are interested, we will work with them to develop a bill we can support that manages fertilizer application in a rational, consistent way.

Thanks to all of you who worked hard on this!

Questions on any of the topics addressed in this "WALP Watch"? Contact the WALP Office at info@walp.org or (425) 967-0729.