

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL AGENDA BILL

NO. 1998 - 198

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: County Council	5/5/98		5/5/98	County Council
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

**SUBJECT:**

Resolution to designate County as participant in "Initiating Gov't & lead agency

**ATTACHMENTS**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N N	Requested Date:
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**RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):**

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

1998 - 198 5/5/98: Approved 7 - 0. Res. #98-024

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

Res. # 98-024

1 SPONSORED BY: Imhof

2 PROPOSED BY: Kremen

3 INTRODUCTION DATE: 5/5/98

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5 RESOLUTION NO. 98-024

6 A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO ESHB 2514 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNATING  
7 WHATCOM COUNTY AS A PARTICIPANT "INITIATING GOVERNMENT" AND THE  
8 WATERSHED PLANNING LEAD AGENCY

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10 WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has passed an act relating to watershed  
11 management and providing for the funding of efforts to organize participating local and tribal  
12 government units and citizens; and

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14 WHEREAS, the watershed planning authorized by the ESHB 2514 includes the territory  
15 defined by Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) #1, commonly known as the Nooksack  
16 River Basin; and

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18 WHEREAS, ESHB 2514 requires that Whatcom County, Skagit County, the City of  
19 Bellingham, and the Public Utility District #1 act unanimously as the "initiating governments"  
20 within WRIA #1 for the authorization of applying for funds needed to organize a "planning unit"  
21 capable of undertaking the responsibilities of watershed planning; and

1           WHEREAS, Whatcom County has the capability of acting as a “lead agency” in applying  
2 for and managing funding allocated to developing a watershed planning unit and for establishing  
3 a scope of work necessary for watershed planning; and  
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5           WHEREAS, ESHB 2514 requires local governmental units that are forming a watershed  
6 planning unit within WRIA #1 to invite the participation of the Lummi Nation and Nooksack  
7 Tribe as members of the “initiating governments”; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the benefits of watershed planning to citizens within WRIA #1 can best be  
10 determined by the formation of a planning unit and the determination of a scope of work as  
11 authorized by such funding;  
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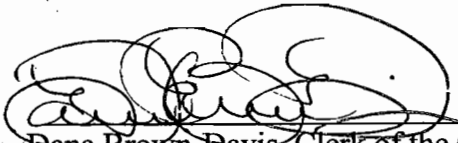
13           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Whatcom County agrees to act as a  
14 participant “initiating government” for the purpose of initiating the organizational process  
15 required by ESHB 2514; and further agrees to invite the participation of the Lummi Nation and  
16 Nooksack Tribe as a member “initiating government”; and further agrees to accept the role of the  
17 “lead agency” in applying for funds needed to establish the watershed planning unit responsible  
18 for complying with the requirements of ESHB 2514 within the territory of the WRIA #1.  
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21           APPROVED this 5 day of May, 1998.  
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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

  
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

  
Robert Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Karen Frakes, Civil Deputy Prosecutor