

**SB 6312-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 2/13/12)

Promotes reasonable use by the public of the public's water to ensure that sufficient water to serve essential domestic needs be readily available for homes in rural areas where public water service is not readily available.

Allows people in rural areas in the Skagit river basin to move forward with construction of their homes in a manner that is sufficiently protective of instream resources and water right holders.

Provides funding for a more coordinated and effective mechanism to protect and, where possible, enhance impacts to stream flows for fish.