
(1) Chapter 171, Laws of 1989 authorizes the Washington state department of ecology to assist in alleviating future drought conditions throughout the state, and sets forth the criteria and procedures for implementing the 1989 drought relief legislation.

(2) Ecology has authority under chapter 171, Laws of 1989 to:

(a) Issue emergency permits to withdraw public waters as an alternate source of water supply.

(b) Approve water right transfers between willing parties.

(c) Provide funding assistance for eligible drought projects and measures.