

with the provisions governing mechanics' liens in chapter 60.04 RCW, and foreclosed in the same manner as such liens, and such lien shall attach as of the date of such filing.

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CHAPTER 22

[House Bill No. 55]

STREAM PATROLMEN—REGULATION AND SUPPORT

AN ACT Relating to stream patrolmen; amending section 1, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.040; amending section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. as last amended by section 180, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.050; amending section 3, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.060; and amending section 4, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.070.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.040 are each amended to read as follows:

Where water rights of a stream have been adjudicated a stream patrolman shall be appointed by the ~~((supervisor of water resources))~~ director of the department of ecology upon application ~~((by interested parties))~~ of water users having adjudicated water rights in each particular water resource making a reasonable showing of the necessity thereof, which application shall have been approved by the district water master if one has been appointed, at such time, for such stream, and for such periods of service as local conditions may indicate to be necessary to provide the most practical supervision and to secure to water users and owners the best protection in their rights.

The stream patrolman shall have the same powers as a water master appointed under RCW 90.03.060, but his district shall be confined to the regulation of waters of a designated stream or streams. Such patrolman shall be under the supervision of the ~~((supervisor of water resources, deputy supervisor, or the district water master appointed for the district in which said stream is located))~~ director or his designated representative. He shall also enforce such special rules and regulations as the ~~((supervisor))~~ director may prescribe from time to time.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. as last amended by section 180, chapter 34, Laws of 1975-'76 2nd ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.050 are each amended to read as follows:

Each stream patrolman shall receive a wage per day for each day actually employed in the duties of his office, or if employed by the month, he shall receive a salary per month, which wage or salary shall be fixed in the manner provided by law for the fixing of the salaries or compensation of other state officers or employees, plus travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 as now existing or hereafter amended, to be paid by the county in which the work is performed. In case the service extends over more than one county, each county shall pay its equitable part of such wage to be apportioned by the director. He shall be

reimbursed for actual necessary expenses when absent from his designated headquarters in the performance of his duties, such expense to be paid by the county in which he renders the service. The accounts of the stream patrolman shall be audited and certified by the director and the county auditor shall issue a warrant therefor upon the current expense fund.

Sec. 3. Section 3, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.060 are each amended to read as follows:

The salary of the stream patrolman shall be borne by the water users receiving the benefits and shall be paid ~~((monthly))~~ to the county or counties in the following manner:

The county or counties may assess each water user ~~((shall pay))~~ for his proportionate share of the total stream patrolman expense in the same ratio that the amount of water diverted by him bears to the total amount diverted from the stream during each ~~((monthly period))~~ season, on an annual basis, to recover all such county expenses. The stream patrolman shall keep an accurate record of the amount of water diverted by each water user coming under his supervision. On the first of each month the stream patrolman shall present ~~((to each water user a statement of his proportionate share of the expense of maintaining such services))~~ his record of water diversion to the county or counties for the preceding month. Where the water users are organized into an irrigation district or water users' association, ~~((the statement shall be presented to the proper officers of such organization for payment))~~ such organization may enter into an agreement with the county or counties for direct payment to the stream patrolman in order to minimize administrative costs.

Sec. 4. Section 4, chapter 162, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. and RCW 90.08.070 are each amended to read as follows:

Upon failure of any water user to pay his proportionate share of the expense referred to in RCW 90.08.050 and 90.08.060, the ~~((stream patrolman thus appointed))~~ county or counties shall be entitled ~~((in his own name))~~ to sue for and recover any such unpaid portion in any court of competent jurisdiction.

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CHAPTER 23

[House Bill No. 69]

STATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, AND COMMITTEES—LISTING—COST DATA

AN ACT Relating to state government; adding new sections to chapter 43.88 RCW; and creating new sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The legislature finds that members of boards, commissions, councils, and committees in state government make a valuable contribution to the public welfare.