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Chairman Vincent,

This letter is to inform you of a request made by the Environmental Quality Council to the Water Policy Interim Committee. The EQC voted 13-3 on a motion at its March 19 meeting requesting the WPIC to consider the proposal made by Reps. Nancy Ballance and Keith Regier and others to study various aspects of the proposed water rights settlement with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

The EQC would like a report at its May 2014 meeting on how the WPIC plans to address this request.

Sincerely,

John Brenden,  
EQC Chairman