## SENATE BILL 6504

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By Senators Hatfield, Swecker, Delvin, Regala, Schoesler, Morton, Pridemore, and Rasmussen; by request of Department of Ecology

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AN ACT Relating to exempting certain minor new construction associated with construction storm water general permits from the state environmental policy act; amending RCW 43.21C.0383; and creating a new

5 environmental policy act, amending RCW 45.21c.03637 and creating

4 section.

- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature intends that the revised threshold adopted in 2005 for the department of ecology's construction
- 8 storm water general permit should not increase the scope of projects
- 9 subject to state environmental policy act review. The department of
- 10 ecology should pursue rule making to achieve the intent of this act.
- 11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.21C.0383 and 1996 c 322 s 1 are each amended to 12 read as follows:
- 13 <u>The following waste discharge permit actions are not subject to the</u> 14 requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c):
- 15 <u>(1) For existing discharges, the</u> issuance, reissuance, or
- 16 modification of a waste discharge permit that contains conditions no
- 17 less stringent than federal effluent limitations and state rules ((is

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not subject to the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This exemption applies to existing discharges only and does not apply to new source discharges)):

(2) The issuance of a construction storm water general permit under chapter 90.48 RCW for a proposal disturbing less than five acres. The exemption in this subsection does not apply if, under rules adopted by the department of ecology, the proposal would otherwise be subject to the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

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