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HOUSE BILL 2677

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By Representatives Chase and Simpson

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1 AN ACT Relating to water conservation loans; and amending RCW  
2 35.92.017, 36.94.460, and 57.08.160.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 35.92.017 and 1989 c 421 s 3 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Any city or town engaged in the sale or distribution of water is  
7 hereby authorized, within limits established by the Constitution of the  
8 state of Washington, to assist the owners of structures in financing  
9 the acquisition and installation of fixtures, systems, and equipment,  
10 for compensation or otherwise, for the conservation or more efficient  
11 use of water in the structures under a water conservation plan adopted  
12 by the city or town if the cost per unit of water saved or conserved by  
13 the use of the fixtures, systems, and equipment is less than the cost  
14 per unit of water supplied by the next least costly new water source  
15 available to the city or town to meet future demand. Except where  
16 otherwise authorized, assistance shall be limited to:

17 (1) Providing an inspection of the structure, either directly or  
18 through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine and inform  
19 the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing

1 conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment for which financial  
2 assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings to the  
3 water system and the consumer that are likely to result from the  
4 installation of the fixtures, systems, or equipment;

5 (2) Providing a list of businesses that sell and install the  
6 fixtures, systems, and equipment within or in close proximity to the  
7 service area of the city or town, each of which businesses shall have  
8 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the  
9 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize the fixtures, systems,  
10 and equipment in accordance with the prevailing national standards;

11 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation fixtures, systems, and  
12 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to  
13 the owner of the structure and verifying the installation; and

14 (4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and  
15 installation of approved conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment.  
16 The fixtures, systems, and equipment shall be purchased or installed by  
17 a private business, the owner, or the utility.

18 Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the  
19 utility bill, billed either together with use charge or separately.  
20 Loans shall not exceed ((one)) two hundred ((~~twenty~~)) forty months in  
21 length.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 36.94.460 and 1992 c 25 s 3 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 Any county engaged in the sale or distribution of water is hereby  
25 authorized, within limits established by the Constitution of the state  
26 of Washington, to assist the owners of structures that are provided  
27 water service by the county in financing the acquisition and  
28 installation of fixtures, systems, and equipment, for compensation or  
29 otherwise, for the conservation or more efficient use of water in the  
30 structures under a water conservation plan adopted by the county if the  
31 cost per unit of water saved or conserved by the use of the fixtures,  
32 systems, and equipment is less than the cost per unit of water supplied  
33 by the next least costly new water source available to the county to  
34 meet future demand. Except where otherwise authorized, assistance  
35 shall be limited to:

36 (1) Providing an inspection of the structure, either directly or  
37 through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine and inform

1 the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing  
2 conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment for which financial  
3 assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings to the  
4 water system and the consumer that are likely to result from the  
5 installation of the fixtures, systems, or equipment;

6 (2) Providing a list of businesses that sell and install the  
7 fixtures, systems, and equipment within or in close proximity to the  
8 service area of the county, each of which businesses shall have  
9 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the  
10 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize the fixtures, systems,  
11 and equipment in accordance with the prevailing national standards;

12 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation fixtures, systems, and  
13 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to  
14 the owner of the structure and verifying the installation; and

15 (4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and  
16 installation of approved conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment.  
17 The fixtures, systems, and equipment shall be purchased or installed by  
18 a private business, the owner, or the utility.

19 Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the  
20 utility bill, billed either together with (~~the~~) the use charge or  
21 separately. Loans shall not exceed (~~one~~) two hundred (~~twenty~~)  
22 forty months in length.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 57.08.160 and 1996 c 230 s 324 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 Any district is hereby authorized, within limits established by the  
26 Constitution of the state of Washington, to assist the owners of  
27 structures in financing the acquisition and installation of fixtures,  
28 systems, and equipment, for compensation or otherwise, for the  
29 conservation or more efficient use of water in the structures under a  
30 water conservation plan adopted by the district if the cost per unit of  
31 water saved or conserved by the use of the fixtures, systems, and  
32 equipment is less than the cost per unit of water supplied by the next  
33 least costly new water source available to the district to meet future  
34 demand. Except where otherwise authorized, assistance shall be limited  
35 to:

36 (1) Providing an inspection of the structure, either directly or  
37 through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine and inform

1 the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing  
2 conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment for which financial  
3 assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings to the  
4 water system and the consumer that are likely to result from the  
5 installation of the fixtures, systems, or equipment;

6 (2) Providing a list of businesses that sell and install the  
7 fixtures, systems, and equipment within or in close proximity to the  
8 service area of the city or town, each of which businesses shall have  
9 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the  
10 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize the fixtures, systems,  
11 and equipment in accordance with the prevailing national standards;

12 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation fixtures, systems, and  
13 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to  
14 the owner of the structure and verifying the installation; and

15 (4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and  
16 installation of approved conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment.  
17 The fixtures, systems, and equipment shall be purchased or installed by  
18 a private business, the owner, or the utility.

19 Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the  
20 utility bill, billed either together with the use charge or separately.  
21 Loans shall not exceed (~~one~~) two hundred (~~twenty~~) forty months in  
22 length.

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