

1 **2SHB 1969 - H AMDS 174 ADOPTED 3-15-97**

2 By Representative Mastin

3 On page 5, line 23, after by- strike everything down to and  
4 including available- on line 34 and insert January 1, 1999, adopt  
5 final joint rules and requirements for the provision of financial  
6 assistance to public water systems as authorized under federal law.  
7 Prior to the effective date of the final rules, the department and  
8 the public works board may establish and utilize guidelines for the  
9 sole purpose of ensuring the timely procurement of financial  
10 assistance from the federal government under the safe drinking  
11 water act, but such guidelines shall be converted to rules by  
12 January 1, 1999. The department and the public works board shall  
13 make every reasonable effort to ensure the state's receipt and  
14 disbursement of federal funds to eligible public water systems as  
15 quickly as possible after the federal government has made them  
16 available. By December 15, 1997, the department and the public  
17 works board shall provide a report to the appropriate committees of  
18 the legislature reflecting the input from the affected interests  
19 and parties on the status of the program. The report shall include  
20 significant issues and concerns, the status of rulemaking and  
21 guidelines, and a plan for the adoption of final rules-

22 On page 7, beginning on line 38, strike everything down to and  
23 including 1998" on line 39 and insert adopt such rules as are  
24 necessary under chapter 34.05 RCW to administer the program by  
25 January 1, 1999"

**EFFECT:** Requires final rules to be adopted by January 1, 1999.  
Requires a report to the appropriate legislative committees by  
December 15, 1997 on the status of the program.