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1 AN ACT Relating to protection of groundwater aquifers near
2 department of transportation rights of way; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 47.28 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 47.28 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 In order to protect groundwater aquifers that are the sole source
8 of drinking water for a given jurisdiction and in order to prevent the
9 contamination of watersheds that are controlled for the purpose of
10 drinking water quality, in accordance with rules of the department of
11 health, from harmful chemicals applied during vegetation management
12 along transportation right of ways, the department of transportation
13 shall serve written notification of upcoming chemical treatments of
14 noxious weeds within state right of way to those cities and counties
15 having Group A water systems that serve a minimum of twenty thousand
16 residences within their respective jurisdictions.

17 In order to help the department of transportation better serve the
18 unique needs of cities and counties and in order to ensure that
19 chemical applications do not impact significant water sources, the

1 legislature strongly urges local jurisdictions to submit to their
2 regional department of transportation office, the documentation
3 required by WAC 246-290-135 as well as the local jurisdiction's policy
4 on the use of chemicals to control noxious weeds.

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