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Sponsor(s): Representatives Mastin, Chandler, Johnson, Boldt and Honeyford

Brief Title: Reopening the water rights claim filing period.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Establishes a new period for filing statements of claim for water rights beginning September 1, 1997, and ending at midnight June 30, 1998.

Declares that this reopening of the period for filing statements of claim shall not affect or impair in any respect whatsoever any water right existing prior to the effective date of this act.

Provides that, during the period beginning March 1, 1994, and ending at midnight June 30, 1998, neither the department of ecology nor the pollution control hearings board may determine or find that a water right has been waived or relinquished under chapter 90.14 RCW based on the failure of any person or entity to file a statement of claim for the right under this chapter.