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By House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Chandler, Grant, G. Chandler, Linville, Mastin, Delvin and Parlette)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the administration of irrigation districts;
2 amending RCW 87.84.010; and adding new sections to chapter 87.03 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any irrigation district organized under this chapter may, for
7 compensation, reimbursement, or otherwise, within limits established by
8 the state Constitution, assist the owners of land receiving water
9 distributed by the irrigation district or discharging, with the
10 district's approval, water from the land into irrigation district-
11 maintained facilities to finance, acquire, install, lease, and use
12 equipment, fixtures, programs, and systems to conserve, improve,
13 preserve, and efficiently use the land, water delivered by the
14 irrigation district, or water discharged from the land into irrigation
15 district-maintained facilities. Assistance may include, but is not
16 limited to, grants, loans, and financing to purchase, lease, install,
17 and use approved conservation, improvement, and preservation equipment,
18 fixtures, programs, and systems. The equipment, fixtures, programs,
19 and systems may be leased, purchased, or installed by a private

1 business, the owner of the land, or the irrigation district.
2 "Conserve," "improve," and "preserve" as used in this section, include
3 enhancing the quality of water delivered by the irrigation district or
4 discharged from the land into irrigation district-maintained
5 facilities.

6 (2) The district may charge the owner and the land if district
7 money or credit is used or extended to provide the assistance in
8 subsection (1) of this section. The district's board of directors may
9 also levy and fix assessments, rates, tolls, and charges and collect
10 them from all persons for whom, and all land on which, district money
11 or credit is provided, or the board may require landowner repayment for
12 landowner assistance by assessments, charges, rates, or tolls in the
13 same manner as provided by RCW 87.03.445.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
15 to read as follows:

16 All contracts entered into by irrigation districts for the purchase
17 of materials, equipment, supplies, or services may be awarded to
18 vendors pursuant to telephone or written quotations or both in
19 accordance with the uniform process established in RCW 39.04.190.

20 **Sec. 3.** RCW 87.84.010 and 1988 c 127 s 67 are each amended to read
21 as follows:

22 Any irrigation district having (~~the~~) a major portion of an inland
23 navigable body of water within or along its exterior boundaries and
24 (~~which~~) that (1) has filed with the department of ecology and been
25 granted a water right certificate or (2) holds a legally recognized
26 water right through the United States bureau of reclamation, for return
27 river flows or otherwise, for fifty thousand acre feet of water or
28 more, and regardless of whether the water right is withdrawn from the
29 body of water itself or one of its tributaries, shall be eligible to
30 become an irrigation and rehabilitation district as provided in this
31 chapter.

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