

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1826

Chapter 237, Laws of 1999

56th Legislature
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WATER MASTERS--APPOINTMENT

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/99

Passed by the House April 20, 1999
Yeas 94 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD
Speaker of the House of Representatives

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 15, 1999
Yeas 41 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved May 10, 1999

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

We, Dean R. Foster and Timothy A. Martin, Co-Chief Clerks of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1826** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

DEAN R. FOSTER
Chief Clerk

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

FILED

May 10, 1999 - 4:20 p.m.

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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

Read first time 03/02/1999.

1 AN ACT Relating to water masters; and amending RCW 90.03.060.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.03.060 and 1987 c 109 s 69 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 (1) Water masters shall be appointed by the department whenever it
6 shall find the interests of the state or of the water users to require
7 them. The districts for or in which the water masters serve shall be
8 designated water master districts, which shall be fixed from time to
9 time by the department, as required, and they shall be subject to
10 revision as to boundaries or to complete abandonment as local
11 conditions may indicate to be expedient, the spirit of this provision
12 being that no district shall be created or continued where the need for
13 the same does not exist. Water masters shall be supervised by the
14 department, shall be compensated for services from funds of the
15 department, and shall be technically qualified to the extent of
16 understanding the elementary principals of hydraulics and irrigation,
17 and of being able to make water measurements in streams and in open and
18 closed conduits of all characters, by the usual methods employed for
19 that purpose. Counties and municipal and public corporations of the

1 state are authorized to contribute moneys to the department to be used
2 as compensation to water masters in carrying out their duties. All
3 such moneys received by the department shall be used exclusively for
4 said purpose.

5 (2) A water master may be appointed by the department for a
6 watershed management area for which a plan adopted by a planning unit
7 and by the counties with territory in the watershed management area
8 under RCW 90.82.130 contains a requirement or request that a water
9 master be appointed, subject to availability of state or nonstate
10 funding.

Passed the House April 20, 1999.

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Approved by the Governor May 10, 1999.

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