2096 Sponsor(s): Representative G. Chandler

Brief Title: Concerning a water right for the beneficial use of water.

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Declares that, if a person placed surface or ground water to beneficial use before January 1, 1993, for irrigation, stock watering, or domestic use supplied by a public water supply system with one hundred or fewer service connections for which a permit or certificate was not issued by the department or its predecessors, the person or the public water supply system, or their respective successors may continue to use water in the amount that has been beneficially used as provided in section 3 of this act if: (1) The person or the public water supply system files with the department a statement of claim during the period beginning September 1, 1999, and ending midnight June 30, 2000, using the standard form prescribed by RCW 90.14.051; and

(2) the person or public water supply system has applied the water to beneficial use to the full extent stated in the statement of claim during at least one of the five years preceding the date the statement is filed and the person attests to having done so on the statement.