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3 By Representative

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5 On page 2, after line 24, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 4. RCW 90.54.020 and 1997 c 442 s 201 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Utilization and management of the waters of the state shall be
9 guided by the following general declaration of fundamentals:

10 (1) Uses of water for domestic, stock watering, industrial,
11 commercial, agricultural, irrigation, hydroelectric power production,
12 mining, fish and wildlife maintenance and enhancement, recreational,
13 and thermal power production purposes, and preservation of
14 environmental and aesthetic values, and all other uses compatible with
15 the enjoyment of the public waters of the state, are declared to be
16 beneficial.

17 (2) Allocation of waters among potential uses and users shall be
18 based generally on the securing of the maximum net benefits for the
19 people of the state. Maximum net benefits shall constitute total
20 benefits less costs including opportunities lost.

21 (3) The quality of the natural environment shall be protected and,
22 where possible, enhanced as follows:

23 (a) Perennial rivers and streams of the state shall be retained
24 with base flows necessary to provide for preservation of wildlife,
25 fish, scenic, aesthetic and other environmental values, and
26 navigational values. Lakes and ponds shall be retained substantially
27 in their natural condition. Withdrawals of water which would conflict
28 therewith shall be authorized only in those situations where it is
29 clear that overriding considerations of the public interest will be
30 served.

31 (b) Waters of the state shall be of high quality. Regardless of
32 the quality of the waters of the state, all wastes and other materials
33 and substances proposed for entry into said waters shall be provided
34 with all known, available, and reasonable methods of treatment prior to
35 entry. Notwithstanding that standards of quality established for the
36 waters of the state would not be violated, wastes and other materials

1 and substances shall not be allowed to enter such waters which will
2 reduce the existing quality thereof, except in those situations where
3 it is clear that overriding considerations of the public interest will
4 be served. Technology-based effluent limitations or standards for
5 discharges for municipal water treatment plants located on the
6 Chehalis, Columbia, Cowlitz, Lewis, or Skagit river shall be adjusted
7 to reflect credit for substances removed from the plant intake water
8 if:

9 (i) The municipality demonstrates that the intake water is drawn
10 from the same body of water into which the discharge is made; and

11 (ii) The municipality demonstrates that no violation of receiving
12 water quality standards or appreciable environmental degradation will
13 result.

14 (4) The development of multipurpose water storage facilities shall
15 be a high priority for programs of water allocation, planning,
16 management, and efficiency. The department, other state agencies,
17 local governments, and planning units formed under section 107 or 108
18 of this act shall evaluate the potential for the development of new
19 storage projects and the benefits and effects of storage in reducing
20 damage to stream banks and property, increasing the use of land,
21 providing water for municipal, industrial, agricultural, power
22 generation, and other beneficial uses, and improving stream flow
23 regimes for fisheries and other instream uses.

24 (5) Adequate and safe supplies of water shall be preserved and
25 protected in potable condition to satisfy human domestic needs.

26 (6) Multiple-purpose impoundment structures are to be preferred
27 over single-purpose structures. Due regard shall be given to means and
28 methods for protection of fishery resources in the planning for and
29 construction of water impoundment structures and other artificial
30 obstructions.

31 (7) Federal, state, and local governments, individuals,
32 corporations, groups, and other entities shall be encouraged to carry
33 out practices of conservation as they relate to the use of the waters
34 of the state. In addition to traditional development approaches,
35 improved water use efficiency and conservation shall be emphasized in
36 the management of the state's water resources and in some cases will be
37 a potential new source of water with which to meet future needs
38 throughout the state.

1 (8) Development of water supply systems, whether publicly or
2 privately owned, which provide water to the public generally in
3 regional areas within the state shall be encouraged. Development of
4 water supply systems for multiple domestic use which will not serve the
5 public generally shall be discouraged where water supplies are
6 available from water systems serving the public.

7 (9) Full recognition shall be given in the administration of water
8 allocation and use programs to the natural interrelationships of
9 surface and ground waters.

10 (10) Expressions of the public interest will be sought at all
11 stages of water planning and allocation discussions.

12 (11) Water management programs, including but not limited to, water
13 quality, flood control, drainage, erosion control and storm runoff are
14 deemed to be in the public interest.

15 (12) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any legal
16 requirement under subsection (3)(b) of this section is superseded and
17 replaced in accordance with the terms and provisions of an
18 environmental excellence program agreement, entered into under chapter
19 43.21K RCW."

20 Correct the title.

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