

2 **ESHB 1832** - S AMD 348
3 By Senator Brown

4 On page 34, after line 12, insert the following:

5 NOT ADOPTED 04/17/01

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The legislature declares an emergency
7 caused by a natural disaster of drought as proclaimed by the governor.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 34.** The sum of eight million dollars is
9 appropriated from the emergency reserve fund to the state conservation
10 commission for fiscal year 2001. The appropriation in this section is
11 provided solely to provide grants to conservation districts to assist
12 the agricultural community to implement water conservation measures and
13 irrigation efficiencies in the 16 water resource inventory areas
14 identified by the governor's salmon recovery office where more water
15 has been allocated that is naturally available for at least part of the
16 year and in which one or more fish stocks are listed under the federal
17 Endangered Species Act. In consultation with the department of
18 ecology, a conservation district receiving funds shall manage each
19 grant to ensure that a portion of the water saved by the water
20 conservation measure or irrigation efficiency will be placed in the
21 trust water rights program under chapter 90.38 RCW and chapter 90.42
22 RCW to enhance instream flows. The proportion of saved water placed in
23 the trust water rights program shall be equal to the percentage of the
24 public investment in the conservation measure or irrigation efficiency.
25 The percentage of the public investment may not exceed 85% of the
26 total cost of the conservation measure or irrigation efficiency. In
27 awarding grants, a conservation district shall give first priority to
28 family farms as defined under RCW 90.66.040.

29 By February 1, 2003, the commission shall submit a progress report
30 to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature on: (1) the
31 amount of public funds expended from this section; (2) the location
32 and amount of water placed in the trust water rights program pursuant
33 to this section; and (3) the methods used by conservation districts to
34 ensure a portion of the water saved by the water conservation measure
35 or irrigation efficiency actually enhanced stream flows.

1 Any monies remaining unexpended from the appropriation in this
2 section on June 30, 2001, are reappropriated for expenditure in fiscal
3 years 2002 and 2003.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** The sum of seven million dollars is
5 appropriated from the emergency reserve fund to the department of
6 ecology. The appropriation in this section is provided solely to
7 purchase water rights to be placed in the trust water rights program
8 under chapter 90.38 RCW and chapter 90.42 RCW and to purchase water use
9 metering equipment and stream flow monitoring equipment. The
10 department shall allocate eighty percent of the appropriation for the
11 purchase of trust water rights. Any monies remaining unexpended from
12 the appropriation in this section on June 30, 2001, are reappropriated
13 for expenditure in fiscal years 2002 and 2003."

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17 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Declares an emergency consistent with the Governor's
declaration of a drought emergency. An appropriation of \$8 million is
made from the emergency reserve fund to the Conservation Commission to
fund grants to conservation districts to assist farmers in implementing
water conservation measures and irrigation efficiencies. The saved
water will be placed in the trust water rights program proportionate to
the public funds invested in the water conservation measure or
irrigation efficiency. First priority is given to family farms for
water conservation grants. The Conservation Commission will report to
the legislature on the public funds expended, the location and amount
of water placed in the trust water rights program and the methods used
by the conservation districts to ensure that saved water enhances
instream flows. An appropriation of \$7 million is made from the
emergency reserve fund to the Department of Ecology to purchase trust
water rights and equipment necessary to increase water use metering and
enhance stream flow monitoring.