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By Representatives Blake, Chandler, Van De Wege, Finn, Johnson, Taylor, and Takko

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of water by public utility districts  
2 bordered by the Columbia river in pumped storage projects; adding a new  
3 section to chapter 54.16 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 54.16 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the  
8 contrary, a public utility district bordered by the Columbia river may  
9 supply water from a pumped storage generating facility under its  
10 control to be used in a pumped storage generating facility to any  
11 entity that sells water, directly or indirectly, to the public, and  
12 contracts therefor must extend over the period of years and contain the  
13 terms and conditions for the sale thereof as the commission of the  
14 public utility district elects. Such a contract may only be made  
15 pursuant to resolution of the commission authorizing such a contract,  
16 and the resolution must be introduced at a meeting of the commission at  
17 least ten days prior to the date of the adoption of the resolution.  
18 However, the commission shall first make adequate provision for the  
19 needs of the public utility district, both actual and prospective.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
3    state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
4    immediately.

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