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By Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Warnick, Pearson, and Becker)

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1 AN ACT Relating to identifying certain irrigation or dairy use
2 water rights as water rights being used for municipal water supply
3 purposes; and amending RCW 90.03.560.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.03.560 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 5 s 3 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) When requested by a municipal water supplier or when
8 processing a change or amendment to the right, the department shall
9 amend the water right documents and related records to ensure that
10 water rights that are for municipal water supply purposes, as defined
11 in RCW 90.03.015, are correctly identified as being for municipal
12 water supply purposes. This section authorizes a water right or
13 portion of a water right held or acquired by a municipal water
14 supplier that is for municipal water supply purposes as defined in
15 RCW 90.03.015 to be identified as being a water right for municipal
16 water supply purposes. However, it does not authorize any other water
17 right or other portion of a right held or acquired by a municipal
18 water supplier to be so identified without the approval of a change
19 or transfer of the right or portion of the right for such a purpose.

20 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the
21 department shall, upon request by a municipal water supplier, amend

1 the water rights documents and related records to identify the
2 following water rights as being used for municipal water supply
3 purposes if the following water rights were held or acquired by a
4 municipal water supplier prior to July 1, 2016, and are not currently
5 being used for commercial agriculture or dairy purposes: (a)
6 Irrigation purpose of use water rights; (b) agricultural irrigation
7 purpose of use water rights; and (c) dairy purpose of use water
8 rights. This subsection does not alter or affect the ability of a
9 municipal water supplier to apply for a change or transfer of any
10 water right.

11 (3) Subsection (2) of this section applies to water resource
12 inventory areas 54, 55, 56, and 57, according to the boundaries of
13 those areas as they existed on the effective date of this section.

14 (4) The legislature intends that a municipal water supplier
15 holding water rights that have been amended pursuant to subsection
16 (2) of this section should retain such water rights.

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