
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6513

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By Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Hobbs, Parlette, Takko, Hargrove, and Honeyford)

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1 AN ACT Relating to reservations of water in water resource
2 inventory area 45; adding a new section to chapter 90.54 RCW; and
3 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 90.54
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall act on all water rights applications
8 which may rely on reservations of water established under the
9 authority of RCW 90.54.020(3)(a) included in a rule setting minimum
10 instream flows and levels for water resource inventory area 45,
11 chapter 173-545 WAC, as it existed on the effective date of this
12 section. The legislature declares that the rule to which this section
13 applies as it existed on the effective date of this section is
14 consistent with legislative intent and is specifically authorized to
15 be maintained and implemented by the department.

16 (2) This section does not affect the department's authority to
17 adopt, amend, or repeal rules establishing minimum instream flows and
18 levels.

19 (3) This section may not be construed to prejudice any
20 reservations of water included in any rule not covered by this
21 section.

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

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