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2 HB 3061 - H AMD 987

3 By Representative Linville

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington's
8 watersheds are unique and vary in structure and complexity. Watershed-
9 specific information is required to address water use, planning, and
10 management in specific watersheds. A set of technical methods based on
11 best available science, which assesses the relationship between surface
12 and ground water, and the effects of proposed withdrawals on existing
13 rights, is needed before developing legislative proposals on this
14 issue, and for watershed planning and management that protects all
15 water uses in a watershed.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of ecology shall convene a
17 group of scientists recognized for their expertise in hydrogeology to
18 review, assess, and recommend methods for determining the effects of
19 proposed well withdrawals on existing water rights. The department of
20 ecology shall report the group's findings to the appropriate
21 legislative committees by December 1998."

22 Correct the title.

23 EFFECT: The department of ecology is required to develop
24 information on hydrogeology and the effects of proposed water
25 withdrawals on existing water rights.

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