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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford, Rasmussen, Doumit, Hewitt, Swecker, Morton, Brandland, Hale and Mulliken)

Brief Description: Exempting certain withdrawals of water from the provisions of RCW 90.44.050. Revised for 1st Substitute: Clarifying that certain uses of water are exempt from the requirements of obtaining a permit under the ground water code.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/13/03)

Revises RCW 90.44.050 relating to withdrawals for stock-watering.

Finds that this act is necessary for the economic health and well-being of Washington citizens and rural communities that depend upon the thousands of jobs created by agricultural and livestock operations. In accordance with the longstanding interpretation of the intent of the original act in 1945, the legislature deems it necessary to clarify and reaffirm that the ability and right to use water as provided for in RCW 90.44.050(2) remains exempt from the requirements of obtaining a permit under the ground water code.