

ESSB 6151 - H AMD 1119

By Representative Linville

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1 On page 2, line 30, after "(2)" insert "(a) A water right
2 holder choosing to not exercise a water right in accordance with
3 the provisions of this section must provide notice to the
4 department in writing within one hundred eighty days of such
5 choice. The notice shall include the name of the water right
6 holder and the number of the permit, certificate, or claim.

7 (b) When a water right holder chooses to discontinue nonuse
8 under the provisions of this section, notice of such action must be
9 provided to the department in writing. Notice is not required
10 under this subsection (2)(b) for seasonal fluctuations in use if
11 the right is not fully exercised as reflected in the notice
12 provided under this subsection (2)(a) of this section.

13 (3) The provisions of this section relating to the nonuse of
14 all or a portion of a water right are in addition to any other
15 provisions relating to such nonuse under existing law.

16 (4)"

17 Renummer the remaining subsections consecutively and correct
18 any internal references accordingly.

EFFECT: Requires water right holders to notify the Department of Ecology in writing within 180 days of the decision to suspend water use, requires notification for the choice to discontinue nonuse, and specifies that the act does not exclude other laws relating to the non-use of water.