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ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6028

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6028** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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Secretary of State State of Washington

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By Senators Barr, Madsen, Williams and Erwin; by request of Jnt Sel Com on Water Resource Policy

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1 AN ACT Relating to municipal water conservation programs; amending 2 RCW 35.92.105; and adding new sections to chapter 36.94 RCW.

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

4 Sec. 1. RCW 35.92.105 and 1981 c 273 s 1 are each amended to read 5 as follows:

6 A city or town engaged in the sale or distribution of water or 7 energy may issue revenue bonds ((or)), warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness in the manner provided by this chapter for the purpose of 8 defraying the cost of financing programs for the conservation or more 9 10 efficient use of energy or water. The bonds ((or)), warrants, or other 11 evidences of indebtedness shall be deemed to be for capital purposes 12 within the meaning of the uniform system of accounts for municipal 13 corporations.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 36.94 RCW
 to read as follows:

A county engaged in the sale or distribution of water may issue revenue bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness in the manner provided by this chapter for the purpose of defraying the cost of financing programs for the conservation or more efficient use of water. The bonds or other evidence of indebtedness shall be deemed to be for capital purposes.

9 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 36.94 RCW 10 to read as follows:

Any county engaged in the sale or distribution of water is hereby 11 authorized, within limits established by the Constitution of the state 12 13 of Washington, to assist the owners of structures that are provided water service by the county in financing the acquisition and 14 installation of fixtures, systems, and equipment, for compensation or 15 16 otherwise, for the conservation or more efficient use of water in the structures under a water conservation plan adopted by the county if the 17 18 cost per unit of water saved or conserved by the use of the fixtures, 19 systems, and equipment is less than the cost per unit of water supplied by the next least costly new water source available to the county to 20 meet future demand. Except where otherwise authorized, assistance 21 shall be limited to: 22

(1) Providing an inspection of the structure, either directly or through one or more inspectors under contract, to determine and inform the owner of the estimated cost of purchasing and installing conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment for which financial assistance will be approved and the estimated life cycle savings to the water system and the consumer that are likely to result from the installation of the fixtures, systems, or equipment;

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1 (2) Providing a list of businesses that sell and install the 2 fixtures, systems, and equipment within or in close proximity to the 3 service area of the county, each of which businesses shall have 4 requested to be included and shall have the ability to provide the 5 products in a workmanlike manner and to utilize the fixtures, systems, 6 and equipment in accordance with the prevailing national standards;

7 (3) Arranging to have approved conservation fixtures, systems, and
8 equipment installed by a private contractor whose bid is acceptable to
9 the owner of the structure and verifying the installation; and

(4) Arranging or providing financing for the purchase and
installation of approved conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment.
The fixtures, systems, and equipment shall be purchased or installed by
a private business, the owner, or the utility.

Pay back shall be in the form of incremental additions to the utility bill, billed either together with use charge or separately. Loans shall not exceed one hundred twenty months in length.

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