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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6861** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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State of Washington**

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By Senators Delvin, Poulsen, Mulliken, Morton and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to studying the competing interests of domestic
2 water users and other water users in regards to limited water supplies
3 where a curtailment of domestic water right use has been enacted; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of ecology shall, by
7 December 31, 2006, study and prepare a report to the appropriate
8 committees of the legislature on ways that the department and other
9 stakeholders can better understand the competing interests of domestic
10 surface water users and other surface water users in regards to limited
11 water supplies who are affected by a curtailment of domestic water
12 right use that has been enacted by a court order.

13 (2) The study conducted under this section shall be limited to
14 basins currently involved in a water rights adjudication and must:

15 (a) Provide a summary of the circumstances that have contributed to
16 the competition between domestic water users and other water users;

17 (b) Include a survey involving the owners of the residences; and

18 (c) Recommend suggested legislation or other solutions for

1 resolving conflicts between competing interests for a limited water
2 resource.

3 (3) The study shall focus on seasonal residential uses; however,
4 other permanent residences may be included if the owners are
5 experiencing similar problems.

6 (4) When surveying residents under this section, the department
7 shall make a reasonable attempt to contact all property owners and
8 obtain, at a minimum, the following information:

9 (a) The location of the seasonal or permanent residence and the
10 number of days that the residence is in use;

11 (b) The months that the residence is occupied;

12 (c) The amount of water needed for the residence when it is
13 occupied;

14 (d) The specific use of the water used by the property owner;

15 (e) The location of the permanent residence of the property owner;

16 and

17 (f) Any other relevant information that the department determines
18 is necessary for the survey.

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