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1 AN ACT Relating to uncontested rate modifications for utilities and  
2 transportation commission regulated water companies; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 80.28 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 80.28 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A water company that is currently in compliance with all  
8 applicable requirements of the commission may adjust all of its charges  
9 by up to three percent in any calendar year without a hearing in order  
10 to cover increased costs for water and employees' compensation and  
11 benefits, provided that the water company has not changed its rates in  
12 the prior twelve-month period. Further, the water company is required  
13 to give written notice of the proposed rate adjustment to the  
14 ratepayers receiving service from the water company prior to the  
15 effective date of the rate adjustment. The increased rates do not  
16 become effective until at least thirty days after notice and filing  
17 with the commission.

18 (2) Nothing in this section prevents a water company from filing

1 for a rate change pursuant to any other rule or procedure of the  
2 commission.

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