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5 On page 3, after line 9, insert the following:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Unless the context clearly requires  
7 otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this  
8 chapter.

9 (1) "Board" means the public works board.

10 (2) "Department" means the department of health.

11 (3) "Private water purveyor" means a public water system not owned  
12 by a governmental body.

13 (4) "Public water purveyor" means a governmental body, including a  
14 public or quasi-public organization, that owns and operates a public  
15 water system, or the authorized agent of such an entity.

16 (5) "Public water system" has the meaning prescribed in the  
17 Washington state safe drinking water act, chapter 70.119A RCW.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** The drinking water assistance account is  
19 established in the state treasury. Money may be placed in the account  
20 from the proceeds of bonds when authorized by the legislature,  
21 transfers from other state funds or accounts, federal financial  
22 assistance, or any other lawful source. Moneys from the account may be  
23 spent only by the secretary of health or the public works board after  
24 appropriation. Expenditures from the account may be used only to meet  
25 the purposes of this chapter.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** The department shall, by January 1, 1994, in  
27 consultation with the board, purveyors, local health departments, and  
28 other interested parties, establish guidelines and requirements for the  
29 provision of grants and/or loans to public water systems. The  
30 department shall ensure that guidelines and requirements:

31 (1) Utilize, to the maximum extent, all available federal financial  
32 assistance;

33 (2) Are consistent with existing water resource planning and  
34 management, including coordinated water supply plans, regional water

1 resource plans, and comprehensive plans under the growth management  
2 act, chapter 36.70A RCW;

3 (3) Prioritize least-cost solutions, including consolidation and  
4 restructuring of small systems into more economical units and the  
5 provision of regional facilities;

6 (4) Assure implementation of water conservation and other demand  
7 management measures consistent with state guidelines for water  
8 utilities;

9 (5) Provide assistance for the necessary planning and engineering  
10 to assure that consistency, coordination, and proper professional  
11 review are incorporated into projects or activities proposed for  
12 funding;

13 (6) Include minimum standards for financial viability and water  
14 system planning;

15 (7) Provide for testing and evaluation of the water quality of the  
16 state's public water systems to assure that priority for financial  
17 assistance is provided to systems and areas with threats to public  
18 health from contaminated supplies and reduce in appropriate cases the  
19 substantial increases in costs and rates that customers of small  
20 systems would otherwise incur under the monitoring and testing  
21 requirements of the federal safe drinking water act; and

22 (8) Are coordinated, to the maximum extent possible, with other  
23 state programs that provide financial assistance to public water  
24 systems and state programs that address existing or potential water  
25 quality or drinking water contamination problems.

26 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 8.** The board shall develop a financial  
27 assistance program using appropriated funds from the drinking water  
28 assistance account to meet the purposes and implement the guidelines  
29 authorized in this chapter. The board shall consult with the  
30 department and water purveyors in developing the financial assistance  
31 program.

32 The board shall develop criteria for grants and/or loans to be made  
33 to public water systems. The criteria shall emphasize public water  
34 systems with the most critical public health needs; the capacity of the  
35 water system to effectively manage its resources; the ability to  
36 promptly commence the project; and the relative benefit to the  
37 community served. Priority shall be given to those systems that are  
38 ready to proceed, that will provide water system improvements to the

1 greatest number of people, and any other criteria that the board shall  
2 develop in consultation with the department and water system purveyors.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** The department and the board shall be  
4 entitled to reasonable administrative expenses in developing and  
5 implementing the programs authorized under this chapter.

6 In all cases where the department, board, and any other department,  
7 agency, board, or commission of state government interact or provide  
8 service under this chapter, the administering government body shall  
9 endeavor to provide cost-effective services. The provision of services  
10 shall include: (1) The use of policy statements or guidelines instead  
11 of administrative rules; (2) using existing management mechanisms  
12 rather than creating new administrative structures; (3) investigating  
13 the use of service contracts, either with other governmental entities  
14 or with nongovernmental service providers; (4) the use of joint or  
15 combined financial assistance applications; and (5) any other method or  
16 practice designed to streamline the delivery of services.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** Sections 5 through 9 of this act shall  
18 constitute a new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Sections 5 through 9 of this act are  
20 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,  
21 or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public  
22 institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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26 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "70.119.150;" strike "and"

27 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "RCW" insert "; adding a new  
28 chapter to Title 70 RCW; and declaring an emergency"

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