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By House Committee on Environmental Affairs (originally sponsored by Representatives Rust, Horn, Roland and Valle; by request of Department of Health)

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1 AN ACT Relating to public water supply system operators; amending
2 RCW 70.119.100, 70.119.120, and 70.119.150; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 70.119 RCW.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 70.119.100 and 1991 c 305 s 6 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The issuance and renewal of a certificate shall be subject to the
8 following conditions:

9 (1) Except as provided in RCW 70.119.090, a certificate shall be
10 issued if the operator has satisfactorily passed a written examination,
11 has paid the department an application fee as established by the
12 department under ((RCW 43.70.110)) section 4 of this act, and has met
13 the requirements specified in the rules and regulations as authorized
14 by this chapter.

15 (2) Every certificate shall be renewed annually upon the payment of
16 a fee as established by the department under ((RCW 43.70.110)) section
17 4 of this act and satisfactory evidence is presented to the secretary
18 that the operator has fulfilled the continuing education requirements
19 as prescribed by rule of the department.

1 (3) The secretary shall notify operators who fail to renew their
2 certificates before the end of the year that their certificates are
3 temporarily valid for two months following the end of the certificate
4 year. Certificates not renewed during the two month period shall be
5 invalid and the secretary shall so notify the holders of such
6 certificates.

7 (4) An operator who has failed to renew a certificate pursuant to
8 the provisions of this section, may reapply for certification and the
9 secretary may require the operator to meet the requirements established
10 for new applicants.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.119.120 and 1977 ex.s. c 99 s 12 are each amended
12 to read as follows:

13 To carry out the provisions and purposes of this chapter, the
14 secretary is authorized and empowered to:

15 (1) Receive financial and technical assistance from the federal
16 government and other public or private agencies.

17 (2) Participate in related programs of the federal government,
18 other state, interstate agencies, or other public or private agencies
19 or organizations.

20 (3) Assess fees determined pursuant to section 4 of this act on
21 public water systems to support the waterworks operator certification
22 program.

23 **Sec. 3.** RCW 70.119.150 and 1977 ex.s. c 99 s 15 are each amended
24 to read as follows:

25 The waterworks operator certification account is created in the
26 general fund of the state treasury. All fees paid pursuant to RCW
27 70.119.100, 70.119.120(3), and any other receipts realized in the
28 administration of this chapter shall be ((paid into the general fund))
29 deposited in the waterworks operator certification account. Moneys in
30 the account shall be spent only after appropriation. Moneys from the
31 account shall be used by the department of health to carry out the
32 purposes of the waterworks operator certification program.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 70.119 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The department of health certifies individuals responsible for the
36 active daily technical operation of public water supply systems and

1 monitors public water supply systems to ensure that such systems comply
2 with the requirements of this chapter and regulations implementing this
3 chapter. The secretary shall establish a schedule of fees for
4 certified operator applicants and renewal licenses and a separate
5 schedule of fees for public water systems to support the waterworks
6 operator certification program. The fees shall be set at a level
7 sufficient for the department to recover the costs of the waterworks
8 operator certification program and in accordance with the procedures
9 established under RCW 43.70.250.

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