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- 5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
- 6 following:
- 7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 90.03 RCW
- 8 to read as follows:
- 9 The department shall, when evaluating an application for a water
- 10 right, transfer, or change filed pursuant to RCW 90.03.250 or 90.03.380
- 11 that includes provision for any water impoundment, take into
- 12 consideration the benefits of the water impoundment that is included as
- 13 a component of the application. The department shall give credit to
- 14 the applicant for any increased water supply that results from the
- 15 impoundment including, but not limited to, any recharge of ground water
- 16 that may occur. Provision for impoundment in an application shall be
- 17 made solely at the discretion of the applicant and shall not otherwise
- 18 be made by the department a condition for approving an application that
- 19 does not include provision for impoundment.
- This section does not lessen, enlarge, or modify the rights of any
- 21 riparian owner, or any existing water right acquired by appropriation
- 22 or otherwise.
- NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 90.44 RCW
- 24 to read as follows:
- 25 The department shall, when evaluating an application for a water
- 26 right or an amendment filed pursuant to RCW 90.44.050 or 90.44.100 that
- 27 includes provision for any water impoundment, take into consideration
- 28 the benefits of the water impoundment that is included as a component
- 29 of the application. The department shall give credit to the applicant
- 30 for any increased water supply that results from the impoundment
- 31 including, but not limited to, any recharge of ground water that may
- 32 occur. Provision for impoundment in an application shall be made
- 33 solely at the discretion of the applicant and shall not be made by the
- 34 department a condition for approving an application that does not
- 35 include provision for impoundment.

This section does not lessen, enlarge, or modify the rights of any riparian owner, or any existing water right acquired by appropriation or otherwise."

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On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "augmentation;" strike the remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 90.03 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 90.44 RCW."

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