

2 **SSB 5505** - H COMM AMD **NOT ADOPTED 4-14-97**
3 By Committee on Agriculture & Ecology

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that there is a need
8 for development of additional water resources to meet the forecasted
9 population growth in the state. It is the intent of chapter . . . ,
10 Laws of 1997 (this act) to direct the responsible agencies to assist
11 applicants seeking a safe and reliable water source for their use.
12 Providing this assistance for public water supply systems can be
13 accomplished through assistance in the creation of municipal interties
14 and transfers, additional storage capabilities, enhanced conservation
15 efforts, and added efficiency standards for using existing supplies.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 43.21A.064 and 1995 c 8 s 3 are each amended to read
17 as follows:

18 Subject to RCW 43.21A.068, the director of the department of
19 ecology shall have the following powers and duties:

20 (1) The supervision of public waters within the state and their
21 appropriation, diversion, and use, and of the various officers
22 connected therewith;

23 (2) Insofar as may be necessary to assure safety to life or
24 property, ((he)) the director shall inspect the construction of all
25 dams, canals, ditches, irrigation systems, hydraulic power plants, and
26 all other works, systems, and plants pertaining to the use of water,
27 and ((he)) may require such necessary changes in the construction or
28 maintenance of said works, to be made from time to time, as will
29 reasonably secure safety to life and property;

30 (3) ((He)) The director shall regulate and control the diversion of
31 water in accordance with the rights thereto;

32 (4) ((He)) The director shall determine the discharge of streams
33 and springs and other sources of water supply, and the capacities of
34 lakes and of reservoirs whose waters are being or may be utilized for
35 beneficial purposes;

1 (5) ~~((He))~~ The director shall, if requested, provide assistance to
2 an applicant for a water right in obtaining or developing an adequate
3 and appropriate supply of water consistent with the land use permitted
4 for the area in which the water is to be used and the population
5 forecast for the area under RCW 43.62.035. If the applicant is a
6 public water supply system, the supply being sought must be used in a
7 manner consistent with applicable land use, watershed and water system
8 plans, and the population forecast for that area provided under RCW
9 43.62.035;

10 (6) The director shall keep such records as may be necessary for
11 the recording of the financial transactions and statistical data
12 thereof, and shall procure all necessary documents, forms, and blanks.
13 ~~((He))~~ The director shall keep a seal of the office, and all
14 certificates ~~((by him))~~ covering any of ~~((his))~~ the director's acts or
15 the acts of ~~((his))~~ the director's office, or the records and files of
16 ~~((his))~~ that office, under such seal, shall be taken as evidence
17 thereof in all courts;

18 ~~((+6) He))~~ (7) The director shall render when required by the
19 governor, a full written report of the ~~((work of his office))~~ office's
20 work with such recommendations for legislation as ~~((he may))~~ the
21 director deems advisable for the better control and development of the
22 water resources of the state;

23 ~~((+7))~~ (8) The director and duly authorized deputies may
24 administer oaths;

25 ~~((+8) He))~~ (9) The director shall establish and promulgate rules
26 governing the administration of chapter 90.03 RCW;

27 ~~((+9) He))~~ (10) The director shall perform such other duties as may
28 be prescribed by law."

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