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HOUSE BILL 2245

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By Representatives Reams and Thompson

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1 AN ACT Relating to a water authority; and adding a new section to  
2 chapter 35.21 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 A water authority may be created in any county with a population of  
7 one million or more to prepare a comprehensive plan for the development  
8 of water resources outside of the largest city in that county and to  
9 develop water supply facilities to supply, treat, store, and deliver  
10 water through trunk lines to cities, towns, and water-sewer districts  
11 that locally distribute water outside of the largest city in that  
12 county. The water authority shall be created if resolutions  
13 authorizing a water authority and defining its jurisdiction are adopted  
14 by at least a majority of the cities and towns located within the  
15 defined area, which cities and towns include at least seventy-five  
16 percent of the total city and town population within the defined area,  
17 and are adopted by at least a majority of the water-sewer districts  
18 that supply water within the defined area.

1       The water authority shall be composed of nine members, six of whom  
2 must be elected officials of the cities and towns located within the  
3 defined area and three of whom must be commissioners of water-sewer  
4 districts located within the defined area that distribute water within  
5 the defined area. The elected officials of the cities and towns in the  
6 defined area shall select the city and town officials who are members  
7 of the water authority, but at least one elected official of the  
8 largest city within the defined area must be a member of the water  
9 authority. The commissioners of the water-sewer districts that supply  
10 water in the defined area shall select the commissioners who are  
11 members of the water authority, but one commissioner of the water-sewer  
12 district with the greatest number of water connections in the defined  
13 area must be one of the members of the water authority.

14       Cities, towns, and water-sewer districts may provide money and  
15 staff to the water authority to carry out its purposes.

16       The meetings of the water authority and any committee of the water  
17 authority are subject to chapter 42.30 RCW.

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