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By Representatives Koster, Chandler and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to discharges from dairy farms; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 42.17 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 42.17 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) If the owner or operator of a dairy farm reports to the  
7 department of ecology that manure or other dairy nutrients have been  
8 accidentally discharged to the waters of the state from the dairy farm  
9 and that the owner or operator will promptly take corrective action to  
10 stop the discharge and prevent its recurrence, the owner's or  
11 operator's report of the discharge and the department's records  
12 regarding the report are not subject to public disclosure and are  
13 exempted from the public inspection and copying provisions of this  
14 chapter if the action needed to stop the discharge and prevent its  
15 recurrence is taken within fourteen days of the date the discharge is  
16 reported.

17 (2) A report and records of a report made under subsection (1) of  
18 this section are subject to public disclosure and to public inspection  
19 and copying under this chapter if the discharge reported is not

1 accidental or if the action needed to stop the discharge and prevent  
2 its recurrence is not taken within fourteen days of the date the  
3 discharge is reported.

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