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Sponsor(s): Representatives Parlette, Chandler, Mulliken and Sump

Brief Title: Providing tax exemptions for small irrigation districts and systems.

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Finds that encouraging irrigation districts to better manage state water resources is in the best interests of the people of Washington state. Continual updates of water quantity and quality, as mandated by federal and state agencies, have revealed that degradation of water quality exists in small water systems throughout the state.

Finds that costs involved in upgrading these small systems can be extremely burdensome to water customers and public water purveyors. With diminishing resources available to these small systems, the legislature finds that granting business and occupation and excise tax relief, under certain conditions, will assist smaller irrigation districts to meet state and federal standards.