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Sponsor(s): Senators Anderson and Morton

Brief Title: Concerning a water right for the beneficial use of water.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Provides that, if a person placed surface or ground water to beneficial use for irrigation or stock watering purposes before January 1, 1993, for which a permit or certificate was not issued by the department or its predecessors, the person or the person's successor holds a water right in the amount beneficially used and with a priority date that is the date a statement of claim is filed for the right under this section if: (1) The person or the person's successor files with the department of ecology a statement of claim for the right during the period beginning September 1, 1997, and ending midnight June 30, 1998, using the standard form prescribed by RCW 90.14.051; and

(2) the person or the person's successor files with the statement of claim evidence that the water described in the claim was used beneficially before January 1, 1993.