

2 SHB 1677 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Agriculture & Rural Economic Development

4 ADOPTED 4/13/99

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

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) Any irrigation district organized under this chapter may, for
10 compensation, reimbursement, or otherwise, within limits established by
11 the state Constitution, assist the owners of land receiving water
12 distributed by the irrigation district or discharging, with the
13 district's approval, water from the land into irrigation district-
14 maintained facilities to finance, acquire, install, lease, and use
15 equipment, fixtures, programs, and systems to conserve, improve,
16 preserve, and efficiently use the land, water delivered by the
17 irrigation district, or water discharged from the land into irrigation
18 district-maintained facilities. Assistance may include, but is not
19 limited to, grants, loans, and financing to purchase, lease, install,
20 and use approved conservation, improvement, and preservation equipment,
21 fixtures, programs, and systems. The equipment, fixtures, programs,
22 and systems may be leased, purchased, or installed by a private
23 business, the owner of the land, or the irrigation district.
24 "Conserve," "improve," and "preserve" as used in this section, include
25 enhancing the quality of water delivered by the irrigation district or
26 discharged from the land into irrigation district-maintained
27 facilities.

28 (2) The district may charge the owner and the land if district
29 money or credit is used or extended to provide the assistance in
30 subsection (1) of this section. The district's board of directors may
31 also levy and fix assessments, rates, tolls, and charges and collect
32 them from all persons for whom, and all land on which, district money
33 or credit is provided, or the board may require landowner repayment for
34 landowner assistance by assessments, charges, rates, or tolls in the
35 same manner as provided by RCW 87.03.445.

