

2 SHB 1826 - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources

4 ADOPTED 4/15/99

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

7 "Sec. 1. RCW 90.03.060 and 1987 c 109 s 69 are each amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (1) Water masters shall be appointed by the department whenever it
10 shall find the interests of the state or of the water users to require
11 them. The districts for or in which the water masters serve shall be
12 designated water master districts, which shall be fixed from time to
13 time by the department, as required, and they shall be subject to
14 revision as to boundaries or to complete abandonment as local
15 conditions may indicate to be expedient, the spirit of this provision
16 being that no district shall be created or continued where the need for
17 the same does not exist. Water masters shall be supervised by the
18 department, shall be compensated for services from funds of the
19 department, and shall be technically qualified to the extent of
20 understanding the elementary principals of hydraulics and irrigation,
21 and of being able to make water measurements in streams and in open and
22 closed conduits of all characters, by the usual methods employed for
23 that purpose. Counties and municipal and public corporations of the
24 state are authorized to contribute moneys to the department to be used
25 as compensation to water masters in carrying out their duties. All
26 such moneys received by the department shall be used exclusively for
27 said purpose.

28 (2) A water master may be appointed by the department for a
29 watershed management area for which a plan adopted by a planning unit
30 and by the counties with territory in the watershed management area
31 under RCW 90.82.130 contains a requirement or request that a water
32 master be appointed, subject to availability of state or nonstate
33 funding."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "masters;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 90.03.060."

EFFECT: Makes the appointment of water masters for watershed management areas permissive and subject to the availability of funding.

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