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1 AN ACT Relating to extending deadlines prescribed as conditions in
2 water rights permits; and amending RCW 90.03.320.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.03.320 and 1997 c 445 s 3 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Actual construction work shall be commenced on any project for
7 which permit has been granted within such reasonable time as shall be
8 prescribed by the department, and shall thereafter be prosecuted with
9 diligence and completed within the time prescribed by the department.
10 The department, in fixing the time for the commencement of the work, or
11 for the completion thereof and the application of the water to the
12 beneficial use prescribed in the permit, shall take into consideration
13 the cost and magnitude of the project and the engineering and physical
14 features to be encountered, and shall allow such time as shall be
15 reasonable and just under the conditions then existing, having due
16 regard for the public welfare and public interests affected(~~(and,~~
17 ~~for good cause shown, it)~~). For good cause shown, the department shall
18 extend the time or times fixed as aforesaid, and shall grant such
19 further period or periods as may be reasonably necessary, having due

1 regard to the good faith of the applicant and the public interests
2 affected. If federal or state laws prevent or restrict water use
3 otherwise authorized under a permit issued for a federal reclamation
4 project, the department shall extend the time or times fixed for
5 commencing work, completing work, and applying water to beneficial use
6 and the extension shall be for a period that is not less than the
7 period of nonuse or restricted use caused by the federal or state laws.
8 In fixing construction schedules and the time, or extension of time,
9 for application of water to beneficial use for municipal water supply
10 purposes, the department shall also take into consideration the term
11 and amount of financing required to complete the project, delays that
12 may result from planned and existing conservation and water use
13 efficiency measures implemented by the public water system, and the
14 supply needs of the public water system's service area, consistent with
15 an approved comprehensive plan under chapter 36.70A RCW, or in the
16 absence of such a plan, a county-approved comprehensive plan under
17 chapter 36.70 RCW or a plan approved under chapter 35.63 RCW, and
18 related water demand projections prepared by public water systems in
19 accordance with state law. An existing comprehensive plan under
20 chapter 36.70A or 36.70 RCW, plan under chapter 35.63 RCW, or demand
21 projection may be used. If the terms of the permit or extension
22 thereof, are not complied with the department shall give notice by
23 registered mail that such permit will be canceled unless the holders
24 thereof shall show cause within sixty days why the same should not be
25 so canceled. If cause is not shown, the permit shall be canceled.

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