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1 AN ACT Relating to the administration of irrigation districts;
2 amending RCW 87.84.010; and adding new sections to chapter 87.03 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Any irrigation district organized under this chapter may,
7 within limits established by the Constitution of the state of
8 Washington, assist the owners of lands receiving water distributed by
9 the irrigation district in financing the acquisition and installation
10 of fixtures, systems, and equipment, for compensation and otherwise,
11 for the conservation or more efficient use of water delivered by the
12 irrigation district. Assistance may include, but is not limited to,
13 arranging or providing financing for the purchase and installation of
14 approved conservation fixtures, systems, and equipment. The fixtures,
15 systems, and equipment shall be purchased or installed by a private
16 business, the owner, or the irrigation district.

17 (2) An appropriate charge-back shall be made for the extension of
18 public moneys or credit to provide such assistance. The board of
19 directors may fix rates or tolls and charges and collect the same from

1 all persons for whom district assistance is made available or it may
2 provide for payment for such assistance by a levy of assessment
3 therefor, or by both rates or tolls and charges and assessments in the
4 same manner as provided by RCW 87.03.445.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 87.03 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 All contracts entered into by irrigation districts for the purchase
8 of materials, equipment, supplies, or services may be awarded to
9 vendors pursuant to telephone or written quotations or both in
10 accordance with the uniform process established in RCW 39.04.190.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 87.84.010 and 1988 c 127 s 67 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 Any irrigation district having ~~((the))~~ a major portion of an inland
14 navigable body of water within or along its exterior boundaries and
15 ~~((which))~~ that (1) has filed with the department of ecology and been
16 granted a water right certificate or (2) holds a legally recognized
17 water right through the United States bureau of reclamation, for return
18 river flows or otherwise, or (3) holds some other legally recognized
19 water right, for fifty thousand acre feet of water or more, and
20 regardless of whether the water right is withdrawn from the body of
21 water itself or one of its tributaries, shall be eligible to become an
22 irrigation and rehabilitation district as provided in this chapter.

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