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1 AN ACT Relating to transfers and changes of water rights; and  
2 adding a new section to chapter 90.03 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 90.03 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 Applications for changing, transferring, or amending existing  
7 ground or surface water rights shall not be treated in the same manner  
8 as applications for permits for new water rights. The provisions of  
9 RCW 90.03.290 do not apply to applications for such changes, transfers,  
10 or amendments. The requirements for such changes, transfers, and  
11 amendments are exclusively as specified in RCW 90.03.380, 90.03.390,  
12 and 90.44.100. Any right represented by an application for a water  
13 right for which a permit for water use has not been issued by the time  
14 such a change, transfer, or amendment of an existing ground or surface  
15 water right is approved by the department may not be construed as being  
16 injured or detrimentally affected by the change, transfer, or  
17 amendment. Processing applications for changes, transfers, and

1 amendments of existing water rights shall not be delayed or postponed  
2 for the purpose of processing applications for new water right permits.

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