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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1677**

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**By** House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives B. Chandler, Grant, G. Chandler, Linville, Mastin, Delvin and Parlette)

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1            AN ACT Relating to the administration of irrigation districts; and  
2 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, for  
7 compensation, reimbursement, or otherwise, within limits established by  
8 the state Constitution, assist the owners of land receiving water  
9 distributed by the irrigation district or discharging, with the  
10 district's approval, water from the land into irrigation district-  
11 maintained facilities to finance, acquire, install, lease, and use  
12 equipment, fixtures, programs, and systems to conserve, improve,  
13 preserve, and efficiently use the land, water delivered by the  
14 irrigation district, or water discharged from the land into irrigation  
15 district-maintained facilities. Assistance may include, but is not  
16 limited to, grants, loans, and financing to purchase, lease, install,  
17 and use approved conservation, improvement, and preservation equipment,  
18 fixtures, programs, and systems. The equipment, fixtures, programs,  
19 and systems may be leased, purchased, or installed by a private

1 business, the owner of the land, or the irrigation district.  
2 "Conserve," "improve," and "preserve" as used in this section, include  
3 enhancing the quality of water delivered by the irrigation district or  
4 discharged from the land into irrigation district-maintained  
5 facilities.

6 (2) The district may charge the owner and the land if district  
7 money or credit is used or extended to provide the assistance in  
8 subsection (1) of this section. The district's board of directors may  
9 also levy and fix assessments, rates, tolls, and charges and collect  
10 them from all persons for whom, and all land on which, district money  
11 or credit is provided, or the board may require landowner repayment for  
12 landowner assistance by assessments, charges, rates, or tolls in the  
13 same manner as provided by RCW 87.03.445.

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

16 (1) Purchases of any materials, supplies, or equipment by the  
17 district shall be based on competitive bids except as provided in RCW  
18 87.03.435 and 39.04.280. A formal sealed bid procedure shall be used  
19 as standard procedure for the purchases made by irrigation districts.  
20 However, the board may by resolution adopt a policy to waive formal  
21 sealed bidding procedures for purchases of any materials, supplies, or  
22 equipment for an amount set by the board not to exceed ten thousand  
23 dollars for each purchase.

24 (2) The directors may by resolution adopt a policy to use the  
25 process provided in RCW 39.04.190 for purchases of materials, supplies,  
26 or equipment when the estimated cost is between the amount established  
27 by the board under subsection (1) of this section and a maximum amount  
28 set by resolution adopted by the board for purchases up to fifty  
29 thousand dollars exclusive of sales tax.

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