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By Representatives Schoesler and Grant

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1 AN ACT Relating to agreements for allocation of Columbia basin  
2 project water that exists in underground storage and is available as a  
3 result of irrigation in the Columbia basin project; and adding a new  
4 section to chapter 89.12 RCW.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 89.12 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 The department of ecology may enter into agreements with the United  
9 States for the allocation of Columbia basin project waters that exist  
10 in underground storage either intentionally or incidentally to the  
11 irrigation of the Columbia basin project. Such agreements shall be  
12 consistent with authorized project purposes, federal and state  
13 reclamation laws, and repayment contract obligations of the United  
14 States pertaining to the Columbia basin project. Before implementation  
15 of any such agreement, the department, with the concurrence of the  
16 United States, shall adopt rules setting forth the procedures for  
17 implementing the agreement. The department may accept funds to cover

- 1 any administrative and staff expenses that it incurs in connection with
- 2 entering or implementing any such agreement.

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