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By Senator Fraser

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Energy & Water.

1 AN ACT Relating to conducting the proof examination for issuance of
2 a water right certificate; and amending RCW 90.03.330.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.03.330 and 1987 c 109 s 89 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) After a permit holder has completed the project as provided in
7 the permit and has put water to beneficial use, the permit holder must
8 submit to the department a statement to that effect. The statement
9 must be made on a form provided by the department and signed before a
10 notary public.

11 (2) The department must review the following information before it
12 issues a water right certificate under this section:

13 (a) A description and the location of any constructed works and
14 other equipment or methods used for acquiring, storing, conveying, and
15 making beneficial use of water, including the sizes and capacities of
16 the facilities;

17 (b) An accurate and legible site map suitable for permanent
18 recordkeeping that illustrates the location of facilities and the lands
19 upon which water has been beneficially used;

1 (c) Photographs of major facilities and photographic evidence of
2 beneficial use;

3 (d) The source or sources from which water is withdrawn or
4 diverted;

5 (e) The beneficial uses of water that are served by the works;

6 (f) The date water was first beneficially used under the permit;

7 (g) The maximum instantaneous and annual quantity of water that has
8 been put to beneficial use based on measurements of flow through the
9 system during operation;

10 (h) A legal description of the lands on which water has been
11 beneficially used;

12 (i) For irrigation, the acreage that has been irrigated, the crops
13 grown, and the type of irrigation system employed;

14 (j) For domestic or municipal water supply, the number and type of
15 housing units, businesses, or other end uses that have received and
16 beneficially used water from the system;

17 (k) For hydroelectric power, the head, the maximum flow used during
18 generation, the capacity of turbines, and the maximum electrical
19 output;

20 (l) Evidence that the conditions of the permit have been complied
21 with including, but not limited to, the proper installation and
22 operation of any required measuring devices, fish screens, well
23 inspection ports, well identification tags, and well surface seals; and

24 (m) Any other information the department determines is necessary to
25 confirm that the permit holder has completed the project and has put
26 water to beneficial use.

27 (3) Upon a showing satisfactory to the department that any
28 appropriation or change of water right has been perfected in accordance
29 with the provisions of this chapter, it shall be the duty of the
30 department to issue to the applicant a certificate stating such facts
31 in a form to be prescribed by ((him)) the department, and such
32 certificate shall thereupon be recorded with the department. Any
33 original water right certificate issued, as provided by this chapter,
34 shall be recorded with the department and thereafter, at the expense of
35 the party receiving the same, be transmitted by the department
36 ((transmitted)) to the county auditor of the county or counties where
37 the distributing system or any part thereof is located, and be recorded

1 in the office of such county auditor, and thereafter be transmitted to
2 the owner thereof.

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