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Sponsor(s): Senators Honeyford, Deccio, Morton, Hale, McDonald, Parlette, Horn, Johnson, Hochstatter, Stevens and Sheahan

Brief Description: Limiting the ability to revoke or diminish a certificate of ground water right.

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Declares that a certificate issued by the department under the provisions of chapters 90.03 and 90.44 RCW may not be revoked or diminished without specific legislative or judicial direction, provided that the water right represented by the certificate has not been relinquished under the provisions of chapter 90.14 RCW, issued with ministerial errors, or obtained through the misrepresentation of the completion of the project or the quantity appropriated. The department may revoke or adjust a certificate if ministerial errors are discovered or if a certificate has been obtained through misrepresentation.