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By Senators Mulliken and Parlette

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1 AN ACT Relating to water pollution control; and amending RCW  
2 90.48.010 and 90.48.080.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.48.010 and 1973 c 155 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 It is declared to be the public policy of the state of Washington  
7 to maintain the highest possible standards to (~~insure~~) ensure the  
8 purity of all waters of the state consistent with public health and  
9 public enjoyment thereof, the propagation and protection of wild life,  
10 birds, game, fish and other aquatic life, and the industrial  
11 development of the state, and to that end require the use of all known  
12 available and reasonable methods by industries and others, except urban  
13 storm water runoff, to prevent and control the pollution of the waters  
14 of the state of Washington. Urban storm water runoff shall be required  
15 to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent  
16 practicable, including management practices, control techniques, and  
17 system design and engineering methods, and such other provisions as the  
18 administrator of the federal environmental protection agency, under the  
19 guidance of the federal environmental protection agency's storm water

1 regulations, shall determine appropriate for the control of such  
2 pollutants. Consistent with this policy, the state of Washington will  
3 exercise its powers, as fully and as effectively as possible, to retain  
4 and secure high quality for all waters of the state. The state of  
5 Washington in recognition of the federal government's interest in the  
6 quality of the navigable waters of the United States, of which certain  
7 portions thereof are within the jurisdictional limits of this state,  
8 proclaims a public policy of working cooperatively with the federal  
9 government in a joint effort to extinguish the sources of water quality  
10 degradation, while at the same time preserving and vigorously  
11 exercising state powers to (~~insure~~) ensure that present and future  
12 standards of water quality within the state shall be determined by the  
13 citizenry, through and by the efforts of state government, of the state  
14 of Washington.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 90.48.080 and 1987 c 109 s 126 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run, or  
18 otherwise discharge into any of the waters of this state, or to cause,  
19 permit or suffer to be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep or  
20 otherwise discharged into such waters any organic or inorganic matter  
21 that shall cause or tend to cause pollution of such waters according to  
22 the determination of the department, as provided for in this chapter.

23 (2) For the purposes of urban storm water runoff, it shall be  
24 unlawful for any person to throw, drain, run, or otherwise discharge  
25 into any of the waters of this state, or to cause, permit, or suffer to  
26 be thrown, run, drained, allowed to seep or otherwise discharged into  
27 such waters any organic or inorganic matter that shall cause or tend to  
28 cause pollution of such waters according to the provisions of the  
29 federal environmental protection agency's storm water regulations, and  
30 the determination of the administrator of the federal environmental  
31 protection agency under the guidance of those regulations.

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