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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6575**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford and Sheahan)

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1       AN ACT Relating to classifications for irrigation district  
2 conveyance and drainage facilities; and adding a new section to chapter  
3 90.48 RCW.

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

5       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7       The department, as resources allow, shall at the request of the  
8 United States bureau of reclamation or federal reclamation project  
9 irrigation districts cooperatively conduct a use attainability analysis  
10 of water bodies located within the boundaries of the federal  
11 reclamation project. The department, consistent with applicable  
12 federal water quality laws and regulations, shall adopt rules  
13 designating uses for water bodies within the federal reclamation  
14 project that support beneficial uses consistent with the primary  
15 authorized project purposes of constructed storage and conveyance  
16 facilities and other water transport systems and that recognize the  
17 unique site-specific characteristics of the arid and semiarid regions  
18 of the state of Washington where federal reclamation projects are

1 located. The rules shall also recognize the need to deliver project  
2 irrigation water and to construct, operate, and maintain project  
3 facilities.

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