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Brief Description: Clarifying authority regarding ground water withdrawals.

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Provides that, in addition to other authorities, the county or city may impose conditions on building permits requiring connection to an existing public water system where the existing system is willing and able to provide safe and reliable potable water to the applicant with reasonable economy and efficiency but may not limit or condition ground water withdrawals to protect existing water rights. Absent an interlocal agreement between a county and the department of ecology, the department of ecology retains sole authority over the regulation and appropriation of waters of the state, under chapters 90.03, 90.44, and 90.54 RCW.