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Sponsor(s): Representatives Chandler, Grant and Schoesler

Brief Description: Regarding the agricultural use of water.

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Declares that any withdrawal of water for stock watering purposes begun before the effective date of this act that is not otherwise embodied in a water right permit, certificate, or claim shall be deemed a water right in good standing and shall receive an agricultural water permit under chapter 90.44 RCW if: (1) The use of water exceeding the five thousand gallons per day as a daily average over the period of a year is filed by the water user with the department by July 1, 2006, and the filing is accompanied by proof of beneficial water use based on meter records, livestock numbers, or other appropriate means of demonstrating water use at the time of filing;

(2) The water used under a filing made under this act does not exceed the quantity or rate listed in a permit granted under the provisions of this act; and

(3) The water use remains as an agricultural use, as defined in RCW 90.03.380(9)(d).