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HOUSE BILL 2845

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By Representatives Simpson and Curtis

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1            AN ACT Relating to providing water for residential fire sprinkler  
2 suppression systems; adding a new section to chapter 35.21 RCW; adding  
3 a new section to chapter 35A.21 RCW; and adding a new section to  
4 chapter 36.94 RCW.

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

6            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 35.21 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8            When installed for the express purpose of providing a water supply  
9 for built-in automatic residential fire sprinkler suppression systems:

10            (1) The property owner or system contractor is not subject to the  
11 imposition of excessive meter charges when slow and pressure  
12 requirements dictate that a larger water supply is necessary.  
13 Residential pricing schedules apply;

14            (2) The property owner or system contractor is not subject to the  
15 imposition of water system development assessments; and

16            (3) The water must be supplied from a single metered connection to  
17 the municipal water system and the connection must be sized to supply  
18 both domestic and system requirements.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.**   A new section is added to chapter 35A.21 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        When installed for the express purpose of providing a water supply  
4 for built-in automatic residential fire sprinkler suppression systems:

5        (1) The property owner or system contractor is not subject to the  
6 imposition of excessive meter charges when slow and pressure  
7 requirements dictate that a larger water supply is necessary.  
8 Residential pricing schedules apply;

9        (2) The property owner or system contractor is not subject to the  
10 imposition of water system development assessments; and

11        (3) The water must be supplied from a single metered connection to  
12 the municipal water system and the connection must be sized to supply  
13 both domestic and system requirements.

14        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 3.**   A new section is added to chapter 36.94 RCW  
15 to read as follows:

16        Water systems operating under this chapter are prohibited from  
17 requiring residential water customers to pay a water service  
18 availability charge, standby charge, consumption charge, or any other  
19 similar types of charges associated with available but unused water  
20 service, including any interest or penalties for nonpayment or  
21 enforcement charges, when the water connection is installed for built-  
22 in automatic fire sprinkler suppression systems.

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