
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1489

State of Washington

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By House Agriculture & Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Blake, Chandler, Schmick, Kretz, Walsh, Warnick, Hinkle, Short, Haler, Newhouse, Ross, and McCune)

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1 AN ACT Relating to water resource management; and creating a new
2 section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that effective water
5 resource management and a stable livestock industry are vital to the
6 economic and environmental well-being of the state. The legislature
7 further finds that achievement of these goals is hindered by a lack of
8 agreement of the intent of the 1945 legislature's enactment of RCW
9 90.44.050 as it pertains to the quantity of water available under the
10 exemption from water right permit requirements for withdrawals of
11 public groundwater for "stock watering purposes" and the meaning of the
12 undefined term.

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