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By Senator Holmquist

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1 AN ACT Relating to municipal water supply purposes; and amending
2 RCW 90.03.015.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 90.03.015 and 2003 1st sp.s. c 5 s 1 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (1) "Department" means the department of ecology.

9 (2) "Director" means the director of ecology.

10 (3) "Municipal water supplier" means an entity that supplies water
11 for municipal water supply purposes.

12 (4) "Municipal water supply purposes" means a beneficial use of
13 water: (a) For residential purposes through fifteen or more
14 residential service connections or for providing residential use of
15 water for a nonresidential population that is, on average, at least
16 twenty-five people for at least sixty days a year; (b) for governmental
17 or governmental proprietary purposes by a city, town, public utility
18 district, port district, county, sewer district, or water district; or
19 (c) indirectly for the purposes in (a) or (b) of this subsection

1 through the delivery of treated or raw water to a public water system
2 for such use. If water is beneficially used under a water right for
3 the purposes listed in (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection, any other
4 beneficial use of water under the right generally associated with the
5 use of water within a municipality is also for "municipal water supply
6 purposes," including, but not limited to, beneficial use for
7 commercial, industrial, irrigation of parks and open spaces,
8 institutional, landscaping, fire flow, water system maintenance and
9 repair, or related purposes. If a governmental entity holds a water
10 right that is for the purposes listed in (a), (b), or (c) of this
11 subsection, its use of water or its delivery of water for any other
12 beneficial use generally associated with the use of water within a
13 municipality is also for "municipal water supply purposes," including,
14 but not limited to, beneficial use for commercial, industrial,
15 irrigation of parks and open spaces, institutional, landscaping, fire
16 flow, water system maintenance and repair, or related purposes.

17 (5) "Person" means any firm, association, water users' association,
18 corporation, irrigation district, or municipal corporation, as well as
19 an individual.

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