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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6513

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State of Washington

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By Senate Agriculture, Water & Rural Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Warnick, Hobbs, Parlette, Takko, Hargrove, and Honeyford)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/16.

1 AN ACT Relating to reservations of water in water resource  
2 inventory areas 18 and 45; adding a new section to chapter 90.54 RCW;  
3 and declaring an emergency.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.54  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) The department shall act on all water rights applications  
8 that rely on the reservations of water established in WAC 173-518-080  
9 or 173-545-090, as those provisions existed on the effective date of  
10 this section. The legislature declares that the reservations of water  
11 established in WAC 173-518-080 and 173-545-090, as those provisions  
12 existed on the effective date of this section, are consistent with  
13 legislative intent and are specifically authorized to be maintained  
14 and implemented by the department.

15 (2) This section does not affect the department's authority to  
16 lawfully adopt, amend, or repeal any rule, including WAC 173-518-080  
17 or 173-545-090.

18 (3) This section may not be construed to prejudice any  
19 reservation of water not referenced in this section.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
2    preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
3    the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
4    effect immediately.

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