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HOUSE BILL 2375

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By Representatives Chandler, Koster, Mastin, Honeyford, McMorris and Mulliken

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1            AN ACT Relating to water resources; adding a new section to chapter  
2 90.03 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 43.21A RCW; and adding a new  
3 section to chapter 43.27A RCW.

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

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 90.03 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7            Nothing in this title authorizes the department of ecology to  
8 withdraw Columbia or Snake river waters from further appropriation  
9 based upon uncertainty as to whether sufficient waters would be  
10 available, following new appropriations, to satisfy the needs of any  
11 unquantified or speculative future instream uses of the waters of these  
12 rivers.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.21A RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15            (1) The department of ecology shall not withdraw Columbia or Snake  
16 river waters from further appropriation based upon uncertainty as to  
17 whether sufficient waters would be available, following new

1 appropriations, to satisfy the needs of any unquantified or speculative  
2 future instream uses of the waters of these rivers.

3 (2) WAC 173-563-015 and 173-564-040 as they existed prior to the  
4 effective date of this section are in conflict with subsection (1) of  
5 this section and are void.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 43.27A RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The department of ecology shall not withdraw Columbia or Snake  
9 river waters from further appropriation based upon uncertainty as to  
10 whether sufficient waters would be available, following new  
11 appropriations, to satisfy the needs of any unquantified or speculative  
12 future instream uses of the waters of these rivers.

13 (2) WAC 173-563-015 and 173-564-040 as they existed prior to the  
14 effective date of this section are in conflict with subsection (1) of  
15 this section and are void.

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