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Brief Title: Changing provisions relating to coordinated water system plans.

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Provides that a coordinated plan must include provisions regarding all of the following: (1) Current and future needs of the systems;

(2) plans for meeting all current and future needs of the systems in the most efficient manner possible;

(3) current and future service area designations;

(4) plans for meeting responsibilities for water service within the designated current service areas;

(5) assessment of the feasibility of shared source, transmission, and storage facilities;

(6) emergency inter-ties; design standards; and other concerns related to the construction and operation of the water system facilities; and

(7) requirements and procedures for periodic updating of the coordinated plan.

Provides that, in areas where more than one water system exists, a coordinated plan may consist of either of the following:

(1) A new plan developed for the area following its designation as a critical water supply service area; or

(2) a compilation of compatible water system plans existing at the time of such designation and containing such supplementary provisions as are necessary to satisfy the requirements of chapter 70.116 RCW.

Declares that, regardless of the source of authority used by a purveyor for the operation of utility services, a purveyor of any water system must comply with the following: (1) Purveyors of any water systems for which current service areas have been designated and incorporated into a coordinated water system plan pursuant to RCW 70.116.070 shall provide water service to property within the designated current service area subject to the provisions of this section.

(2) a purveyor may restrict or deny extensions of water service to property within the purveyor's service area based upon any of the following constraints:

(a) unforeseen capacity constraints not addressed in the purveyor's comprehensive plan or the coordinated water system plan;

(b) unforeseen financial inability to provide infrastructure necessary to serve the property not addressed in the purveyor's comprehensive plan or the coordinated water system plan;

(c) water quality constraints which limit the purveyors' ability to provide water service to a property or properties within the purveyors' current service area;

(d) local, state, or federal regulations restricting or prohibiting water service to a property or properties within the current service area; or

(e) other restrictions upon the purveyor that make service

delivery within the service area impossible or impracticable.