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By Senate Water, Energy & Telecommunications (originally sponsored by Senators Kline, Oemig, Rockefeller, Swecker, Murray, Regala, and Pridemore)

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1 AN ACT Relating to groundwater monitoring and assessment; amending
2 RCW 43.27A.130; adding a new section to chapter 90.54 RCW; and
3 recodifying RCW 43.27A.130.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.27A.130 and 1988 c 127 s 26 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The department of ecology may make complete inventories of the
8 state's water resources and enter into such agreements with the
9 director of the United States geological survey as will ((insure))
10 ensure that investigations and surveys are carried on in an economical
11 manner.

12 (2) The department shall complete a data gap analysis by June 30,
13 2009, to evaluate groundwater monitoring activities across the state,
14 on a basin-by-basin basis. This study will inform future decisions to
15 develop an effective groundwater monitoring program. This study must
16 include:

17 (a) Summarizing historic and current monitoring of ambient
18 groundwater levels and water quality within each WRIA as defined in RCW
19 90.82.020;

- 1 (b) Evaluating the completeness and quality of the data and
2 conclusions produced from such monitoring;
3 (c) Identifying priorities for enhanced groundwater monitoring
4 where water levels and water quality are of concern;
5 (d) Evaluating and recommending quality controls and other
6 protocols associated with data collection and management;
7 (e) Summarizing and compiling existing studies of groundwater
8 levels, water quality, and monitoring activities; and
9 (f) Recommending the components necessary to establish a
10 comprehensive, statewide ambient groundwater monitoring and assessment
11 program and the funding necessary to implement the program.

12 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. RCW 43.27A.130 is recodified as a section in
13 chapter 90.54 RCW.

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