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By Representatives Engell and Springer

1       AN    ACT    Relating   to   reducing   satellite   management   agency  
2   requirements for simple group B public water systems; and amending  
3   RCW 70A.125.060.

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

5       **Sec. 1.**   RCW 70A.125.060 and 2020 c 20 s 1356 are each amended to  
6   read as follows:

7       (1) To assure safe and reliable public drinking water and to  
8   protect the public health:

9       (a) Public water systems shall comply with all applicable  
10   federal, state, and local rules; and

11       (b) Group A public water systems shall:

12       (i) Protect the water sources used for drinking water;

13       (ii) Provide treatment adequate to assure that the public health  
14   is protected;

15       (iii) Provide and effectively operate and maintain public water  
16   system facilities;

17       (iv) Plan for future growth and assure the availability of safe  
18   and reliable drinking water;

19       (v) Provide the department with the current names, addresses, and  
20   telephone numbers of the owners, operators, and emergency contact  
21   persons for the system, including any changes to this information,

1 and provide to users the name and twenty-four hour telephone number  
2 of an emergency contact person; and

3 (vi) Take whatever investigative or corrective action is  
4 necessary to assure that a safe and reliable drinking water supply is  
5 continuously available to users.

6 (2) No new group A public water system may be approved or created  
7 unless: (a) It is owned or operated by a satellite system management  
8 agency established under RCW 70A.100.130 and the satellite system  
9 management system complies with financial viability requirements of  
10 the department; or (b) a satellite management system is not available  
11 and it is determined that the new system has sufficient management  
12 and financial resources to provide safe and reliable service. The  
13 approval of any new system that is not owned by a satellite system  
14 management agency shall be conditioned upon future management or  
15 ownership by a satellite system management agency, if such management  
16 or ownership can be made with reasonable economy and efficiency, or  
17 upon periodic review of the system's operational history to determine  
18 its ability to meet the department's financial viability and other  
19 operating requirements. The department and local health jurisdictions  
20 shall enforce this requirement under authority provided under this  
21 chapter, chapter 70A.100, or 70.05 RCW, or other authority governing  
22 the approval of new water systems by the department or a local  
23 jurisdiction.

24 (3) (a) No new group B public water systems that are described by  
25 any of the criteria in (a)(i) through (iv) of this subsection may be  
26 approved or created unless it is owned or operated by a satellite  
27 system management agency consistent with the requirements applicable  
28 to group A public water systems:

29 (i) The group B public water system is required to provide  
30 treatment to meet water quality standards;

31 (ii) The group B public water system provides fire flow;

32 (iii) The group B public water system has atmospheric storage; or

33 (iv) The group B public water system serves 10 or more service  
34 connections.

35 (b) The local board of health may adopt, under RCW 70.05.060 or  
36 70.46.060, more stringent satellite management system requirements  
37 than the requirements of (a) of this subsection.

38 (c) For group B water systems, the department and local health  
39 jurisdictions shall enforce the requirements of this subsection under  
40 authority provided under this chapter, chapter 70A.100 RCW, or

1 chapter 70.05 RCW, or other authority governing the approval of new  
2 water systems by the department or a local jurisdiction.

3     (4) The department and local health jurisdictions shall carry out  
4 the rules and regulations of the state board of health adopted  
5 pursuant to RCW 43.20.050(2) (a) and (b) and other rules adopted by  
6 the department relating to public water systems.

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