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3 By Representative Linville

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Washington's
8 watersheds are unique and vary in structure and complexity. Watershed-
9 specific information is required to address water use, planning, and
10 management in specific watersheds. A set of technical methods based on
11 best available science, which assesses the relationship between surface
12 and ground water, and the effects of proposed withdrawals on existing
13 rights, is needed before developing legislative proposals on this
14 issue, and for watershed planning and management that protects all
15 water uses in a watershed.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of ecology shall convene a
17 group of scientists, technicians, and others recognized for their
18 expertise in hydraulic continuity to prepare the technical information
19 and data necessary on how to measure the effects of proposed
20 withdrawals on existing water rights. The department of ecology shall
21 report its findings to the appropriate legislative committees by
22 December 1998."

23 Correct the title.

24 EFFECT: The department of ecology is required to develop
25 information on hydraulic continuity and the effects of proposed water
26 withdrawals on existing water rights.

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