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By Senators Morton, Brandland, Hewitt, Benson, Carrell, Stevens, Mulliken, Fraser, Regala, Sheldon, Roach and Rockefeller

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1 AN ACT Relating to waters of the state to fight forest and range
2 fires; adding a new section to chapter 90.28 RCW; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 76.04 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 90.28 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) All waters of the state as defined in chapter 90.48 RCW may be
8 used to fight forest fires, range fires, or fires of a similar nature.
9 No agency of the state nor any local government may require prior
10 approval for this use nor may any conditions be placed on such use of
11 public waters.

12 (2) This policy regarding unrestricted use of state waters shall be
13 part of all levels of fire fighting training programs. All state and
14 local governments shall inform persons involved with fire suppression
15 of the ability to use any public waters for fire control.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 76.04 RCW
17 to read as follows:

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1 used to fight forest fires, range fires, or fires of a similar nature.
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3 approval for this use nor may any conditions be placed on such use of
4 public waters.

5 (2) This policy regarding unrestricted use of state waters shall be
6 part of all levels of fire fighting training programs. All state and
7 local governments shall inform persons involved with fire suppression
8 of the ability to use any public waters for fire control.

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