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By Representatives Cox and Schmick

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1 AN ACT Relating to exempting certain cities from the national
2 pollutant discharge elimination system municipal separate storm sewer
3 systems permit program; adding a new section to chapter 90.48 RCW; and
4 creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that under the federal
7 clean water act, and the department of ecology's delegation of
8 authority to implement the federal clean water act as provided in RCW
9 90.48.260, certain cities in Washington should not be required to be
10 covered under the national pollutant discharge elimination system
11 municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit program. Certain
12 cities within Washington have unique soils and topography that makes
13 storm water management in those areas extraordinarily challenging.
14 Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature that these cities be
15 exempt from the national pollutant discharge elimination system
16 municipal separate storm sewer systems permit program.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 90.48 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 Cities with a population between twenty-four thousand five hundred
2 and twenty-five thousand, as reported in the 2000 census, and located
3 in a county with a population between forty thousand five hundred and
4 forty-one thousand five hundred, as reported in the 2000 census, east
5 of the crest of the Cascade mountains are exempt from the requirement
6 to obtain a national pollutant discharge elimination system municipal
7 separate storm sewer systems (MS4) permit, as provided in RCW
8 90.48.260.

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