

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4609

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 9, 2002

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE RATHDRUM**
2 **PRAIRIE/SPOKANE VALLEY AQUIFER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in
4 consultation with the State of Idaho and the State of
5 Washington, shall conduct a comprehensive study of the
6 Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer for the purpose
7 of preparing a model of the aquifer and establishing for
8 those States a mutually acceptable understanding of the
9 aquifer as a ground water resource.

10 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-
11 gress a report on the findings and conclusions of the study
12 by not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment
13 of this Act.

14 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 For conducting the study under this Act there is au-
16 thorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,500,000.

Passed the House of Representatives July 8, 2002.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.