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# H. R. 699

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 20, 2003

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

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## 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 March 19,  
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*