

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4609

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2002

Mr. NETHERCUTT (for himself and Mr. OTTER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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

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

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in
6 consultation with the State of Idaho and the State of
7 Washington, shall conduct a comprehensive study of the
8 Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer for the purpose
9 of preparing a model of the aquifer and establishing for

1 those States a mutually acceptable understanding of the
2 aquifer as a ground water resource.

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

7 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For con-
8 ducting the study under this section there is authorized
9 to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,500,000.

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