

2SHB 2591 - H AMD TO H AMD (H-5500.1/10) 1434

By Representative Chandler

NOT CONSIDERED 3/11/2010

1 On page 7, after line 13 of the striking amendment, insert the
2 following:

3 "(18)(a) The fees collected under the provisions of this section
4 are intended to expedite the processing of water right applications.

5 (b)(i) Beginning July 1, 2013, the department shall process an
6 application for a new appropriation within two years of filing unless
7 the applicant requests that the time be extended.

8 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2013, the department shall process an
9 application for a change, transfer or amendment to an existing water
10 right within one year of filing unless the applicant requests the time
11 be extended.

12 (c) Beginning July 1, 2013, if an application is not processed by
13 the department within the time frame established in this subsection,
14 the applicant shall be entitled to a reimbursement payment equal to
15 one-fifth of the fee paid under the provisions of this section for
16 every three months beyond the time frame specified in this
17 subsection."

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EFFECT: Requires the Department of Ecology (DOE) to process an application for a new appropriation within two years of filing unless the applicant requests that the time be extended. Requires the DOE to process an application for a change, transfer or amendment to an existing water right within one year of filing unless the applicant requests the time be extended. Allows the applicant to be reimbursed equal to one-fifth of the fees paid for every three months beyond the time frame specified in this subsection.

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