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Sponsor(s): Representative Pruitt

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to water right permits.

HB 2385 - DIGEST

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Revises provisions relating to water right permits.

Establishes a register to identify, by water resource inventory area, applications for new water rights and applications for water right transfers and changes.

Authorizes future de minimus appropriations of surface water under streamlined procedures, short-term uses of water, a general permit for nonconsumptive, nonbypass uses, and a general permit for appropriating marine waters for use on upland sites.

Revises procedures for appeals to the pollution control hearings board.

Directs the department of ecology to develop a budget process for its water rights administration program.

Provides for the assessment of additional fees for a three-year period in order to address the water right application backlog and data management development.