

6291-S

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Brief Description: Affecting the processing of water rights.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Revises procedures for the filing of a water right application.

Establishes hearing procedures for the challenge of a decision related to the issuance, transfer, or denial of a water right permit.

Requires the development of a general permit system for appropriating water for nonconsumptive, nonbypass uses and a general permit system for appropriating marine waters for use on upland sites.

Provides for the change or transfer of an existing water right.

Allows future de minimus appropriations of surface water to be developed under streamlined procedures.

Encourages reduction of impairment of existing rights or harm to the fishery resource.

Provides informational material regarding the risks of drinking untreated surface water.

Expedites the processing of water right applications in areas of no known shortage and to promptly deny applications in areas of known shortage.

Revises fees for water rights applications.

Repeals RCW 90.03.471.