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3 By Senators Fraser and Swecker

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5 Beginning on page 1, line 7 of the amendment, after "**Sec. 1.**"
6 strike all material through "services." on page 2, line 17, and insert
7 "(1) A legislative joint select committee on water transfers is
8 created. The committee shall be composed of eight members appointed as
9 follows:

10 (a) Four members of the house of representatives appointed by the
11 speaker of the house, two from each political party caucus in the house
12 of representatives; and

13 (b) Four members of the senate appointed by the president of the
14 senate, two from each political party caucus in the senate.

15 (2) From among its members, the committee shall elect cochairs, one
16 who is a member of the house of representatives and one who is a member
17 of the senate.

18 (3) The committee shall examine the subject of voluntary transfers
19 of water and water rights between willing parties and make
20 recommendations regarding:

21 (a) Incentives that this state should provide to encourage such
22 voluntary transfers of water rights from one person to another;

23 (b) Policies or mechanisms that would streamline such transfers of
24 water;

25 (c) The principles that should apply to such voluntary transfers
26 that involve the permanent sale of rights to the use of water and, if
27 different policies are appropriate, those that should apply to
28 temporary transfers, such as short water year leases;

29 (d) The protection of water rights other than those directly
30 involved in a water transfer transaction;

31 (e) Types of water transfers that may be presumed not to affect
32 adversely other rights to water and whether state law should treat such
33 transfers differently than it treats other transfers;

34 (f) Transfers of rights to water used seasonally to rights to water
35 used all year; and

1 (g) The circumstances under which the effects of proposed transfers
2 on the vitality of the communities from which the water uses originate
3 should be considered.

4 (4) The committee shall report its recommendations in the form of
5 proposed legislation to the appropriate committees of the house of
6 representatives and the senate by December 31, 1996.

7 (5) Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the house
8 of representatives and the senate."

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