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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Mastin, McMorris, Koster, Delvin, Mulliken, Johnson, Schoesler and Honeyford)

Brief Title: Authorizing a change in the use of water made surplus by certain activities and modifying transfer provisions.

**HB 1113-S.E - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Authorizes the board of directors of an irrigation district to approve a change in water usage if the board determines that the change: Will not adversely affect the district's ability to deliver water to other landowners; will not require the construction by the district of diversion or drainage facilities unless the board finds that the construction by the district is in the interest of the district; will not impair the financial or operational integrity of the district; and is consistent with the contractual obligations of the district.

Declares that nothing in this act authorizes a change in a water right or a portion of a water right that has not been perfected through beneficial use prior to the change.