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Brief Title: Identifying when a new water right would interfere with an existing water right.

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(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Declares that no permit may be denied or conditioned due to injury to, impairment of, or conflict with an existing surface water right unless the ground water withdrawal in question will impair the surface water right pursuant to RCW 90.44.030(2): PROVIDED, That this section does not affect the ability of the department to limit or restrict future ground water appropriations by adopting rules after following the procedures of RCW 90.44.180 or 90.44.400 through 90.44.420 or chapter 90.54 RCW.

Allows the department to grant a ground water permit for a withdrawal that will impair a surface water right if the applicant has proposed a satisfactory plan for mitigating the impairment.