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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Agriculture & Ecology (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Regala, Huff, Kastama, Bush, McDonald, Sullivan and Linville)

Brief Title: Regulating public water systems.

HB 2303-S.E - DIGEST

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/98)

Declares that a receiving public water system's use may exceed its water right authorization if the receiving public water system's withdrawal does not exceed the instantaneous or annual withdrawal rate specified in the receiving public water system's water right authorization.

Provides that, if the applicant is a public water system that is a party to an existing intertie agreement, the department shall also consider the existence, nature, economics, and terms of the agreement between the intertied public water systems when making a determination on the application for new water rights by the public water system.

Provides that an intertie shall not be used to deliver a primary or secondary supply of water to a receiving system on a temporary basis unless the terms of the intertie agreement specify the source of the water that will be used by the receiving system to replace the water delivered on the temporary basis and provide that replacement water will be available for delivery to or use by the receiving system before delivery by the supplying system under the agreement is terminated.