

2925-S2

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Chandler, Cairnes, Radcliff, Robertson, Linville, Backlund, Regala, Mitchell and Scott)

Brief Title: Changing water provisions.

HB 2925-S2.E - DIGEST

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

Provides that interties include the development of new sources of supply to meet future demands if the water system or systems receiving water through such an intertie make efficient use of existing sources of water supply and the provision of water through such an intertie is consistent with local land use plans.

Provides that an intertie meeting the requirements for modifying the place of use description in a water right permit, certificate, or claim may be used to its full design or built capacity within the most recently approved retail or wholesale or retail and wholesale service area, without further approval under RCW 90.03.383 and without regard to the capacity actually used before January 1, 1991.

Provides that the department of ecology shall not deny or limit a change of place of use for an intertie on the grounds that the holder of a permit has not yet put all of the water authorized in the permit to beneficial use.

Declares 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. However, if a primary or secondary supply of water is delivered to a receiving system on a temporary basis by means of an intertie on the effective date of this subsection and the agreement between the supplying system and receiving system does not contain such provision for such a replacement supply of water for the receiving system, the delivery of the water by the supplying system to the receiving system shall not be terminated until the agreement is modified to establish such provisions and such replacement water is available for delivery to or use by the receiving system.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.