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Sponsor(s): Representative Chandler

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

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Declares that no permit for the development or withdrawal of public ground waters may be denied or conditioned due to injury to, impairment of, or conflict with an existing surface water right unless the groundwater withdrawal in question will impair the surface water right pursuant to RCW 90.44.030(2).

Authorizes 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.