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Sponsor(s): Senator Horn

Brief Title: Establishing procedures by which owners of single-family residences may use lake water for noncommercial landscape irrigation.

**SB 5030 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Directs the department of ecology to determine whether there is sufficient water in a lake or reservoir with a surface area of twenty thousand acres or more to allow owners of single-family residences that abut the lake or reservoir to use water for noncommercial garden and landscape irrigation.

Provides that, if the department determines that there may be sufficient water in the lake or reservoir to allow use of water for single-family residential noncommercial garden and landscape irrigation, it shall hold one or more public hearings in the area affected by the proposal.

Provides that, if the department determines there is sufficient water it shall, by rule: (1) Establish the maximum quantity of water that may be withdrawn from the lake or reservoir on a yearly basis for single-family noncommercial garden and landscape irrigation under this section;

(2) establish conditions and limitations on withdrawal by individual property owners; and

(3) establish screening requirements to protect fish life.

Directs the department of ecology to evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of allowing similar appropriations in other urban lakes and reservoirs and report its findings to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature by June 1, 2000.

Expires June 30, 2000.