

5785-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Newhouse, Morton, Haugen
and Rasmussen)

Brief Title: Providing for consolidation of ground water rights of
exempt wells.

SB 5785-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, upon the issuance by the department of an amendment to the appropriate permit or certificate of ground water right, the holder of a valid right to withdraw public ground waters may consolidate that right with a ground water right exempt from the permit requirement under RCW 90.44.050, without affecting the priority of either of the water rights being consolidated. Such a consolidation amendment shall be issued only after publication of a notice of the application, a comment period, and a determination made by the department.