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Brief Title: Affecting water transfer provisions.

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Declares that it must take an active responsibility to eliminate unwise doctrinal barriers to achieving water transfers while assuring that other recognized water rights and uses are protected.

Encourages transfers and reduces uncertainty.

Provides that transfers of conserved water should be made available by efficient irrigation practices.

Authorizes transfers to instream uses.

Designates procedures for water banking.

Designates procedures for streamlining review of transfers.

Designates procedures for transfer records and data management.