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Sponsor(s): Senator Swecker

Brief Description: Creating a system of locally based water rights regulators.

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Declares an intent to establish a more effective method of water resource management in the state of Washington.

Declares an intent that this more effective method of water resource management result in a reduction of the backlog of water right applications, enhance the ability of the department of ecology to process new water right applications, and facilitate the transfer and productive use of water rights on a willing seller and willing buyer basis.

Declares that in order to meet this intent, it is necessary to create a system of locally based water rights regulators, focus on water conservation, actively work to ensure proper water allocation procedures are followed, and rely on a market driven water transfer process.