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Brief Title: Changing laws concerning water resources.

SB 5289-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Directs the department to accord priority to the processing of applications for transfers and changes in water rights.

Provides that the department, in its discretion, may process applications for transfers or changes regarding water uses in a basin independently of the order of processing or priority placed upon processing applications for new withdrawals within the same basin, and independently of the order of processing or priority placed upon any applications regarding water use in other basins.