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Sponsor(s): Senators Eide, Swecker, Spanel, Fraser and Jacobsen

Brief Description: Establishing a priority for processing applications for water rights transfers and changes.

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Declares that it is the purpose of this act to clarify the water code and to eliminate unwise doctrinal barriers that impede or prevent parties from pursuing innovative transfer agreements, while assuring that other recognized water rights and uses are protected.

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.