

HB 1489-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Finds that: (1) Effective water resource management and a stable livestock industry are vital to the economic and environmental well-being of the state; and

(2) Achievement of these goals is hindered by a lack of agreement of the intent of the 1945 legislature's enactment of RCW 90.44.050 as it pertains to the quantity of water available under the exemption from water right permit requirements for withdrawals of public groundwater for "stock watering purposes" and the meaning of the undefined term.