5949 Sponsor(s): Senator Fraser

Brief Description: Making changes to water supply regulation.

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Requires the department, in issuing orders pursuant to RCW 43.27A.190, to first determine whether any use of the water is based on a valid existing water right.

Provides that, in any appeal of a regulatory order issued pursuant to RCW 43.27A.190, it is not a defense that any of the rights recognized have not been confirmed in a general water rights adjudication.