

6140-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Agriculture & Environment
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Goings and Schow)

Brief Title: Regulating public water systems.

SB 6140-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that a receiving public water system's use may exceed its water right authorization if the receiving public water system's withdrawal does not exceed the instantaneous or annual withdrawal rate specified in the receiving public water system's water right authorization.

Provides that, if the applicant is a public water system that is a party to an existing intertie agreement, the department shall also consider the existence, nature, economics, and terms of the agreement between the intertied public water systems when making a determination on the application for new water rights by the public water system.