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Sponsor(s): Senator Honeyford

Brief Description: Clarifying "voluntarily fails" for water rights relinquishment purposes.

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Declares that "voluntarily fails" means the nonuse of all or a portion of the water by the owner of a water right for a period of twenty-five or more consecutive years where such nonuse occurs as a result of factors within the control of the water user. A failure to use water is involuntary when the exercise of such right is in response to factors beyond the control of the water user, such as cyclical weather patterns or unintended presence of water from a source not within the control of the water user.