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Sponsor(s): Senators Honeyford, Hale, Morton, Hochstatter, Hewitt, Swecker and Sheahan

Brief Description: Concerning preliminary permits for water closed to diversions due to a federal moratorium.

**SB 5333 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that, for any application for which a preliminary permit was issued and for which the availability of water was directly affected by a moratorium on further diversions from the Columbia river during the years from 1990 to 1998, the preliminary permit is extended through June 30, 2002.

Provides that, if such an application and preliminary permit were canceled during the moratorium, the application and preliminary permit shall be reinstated until June 30, 2002, if the application and permit: (1) Are for providing regional water supplies in more than one urban growth area designated under chapter 36.70A RCW and in one or more areas near such urban growth areas, or the application and permit are modified for providing such supplies, and

(2) provide or are modified to provide such regional supplies through the use of existing intake or diversion structures. The authority to modify such a canceled application and permit to accomplish the objectives of this act is hereby granted.