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Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Environment, Energy & Water
(originally sponsored by Senator Fraser)

Brief Description: Concerning water rights on family farms.

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(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/14/01)

Provides that transfers of water rights established as family farm permits under chapter 90.66 RCW may be approved as authorized under this act and under RCW 90.03.380, 90.03.390, or 90.44.100 or chapter 90.80 RCW as applicable.

Declares that a water right issued as a family farm permit that is in compliance with chapter 90.66 RCW may be transferred to other land:

(1) For use for agricultural irrigation purposes as authorized by RCW 90.66.060; or

(2) For any purpose of use that is a beneficial use of water if the transfer is seasonal or temporary, except that use for agricultural irrigation purposes shall be as authorized by RCW 90.66.060.

Provides that a water right issued as a family farm permit, a publicly owned land permit, or a public water entity permit that is in compliance with this chapter is entitled to be issued a water right certificate as authorized by RCW 90.03.330.

Declares that, notwithstanding RCW 90.44.050, land from which a water right issued as a family farm permit under chapter 90.66 RCW has been transferred must obtain a permit to make any withdrawal of public ground water that was not in existence on July 1, 2001.