

5106-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Hewitt, Hale, T. Sheldon, Doumit, Sheahan, Rasmussen, Morton, Mulliken, Honeyford, Deccio and Parlette)

Brief Description: Concerning water rights.

**SB 5106-S - DIGEST**

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares that the annual consumptive quantity of a water right may not be deemed to be less than the actual peak historic use of a water right, even if the right is not being fully exercised at the time of change or transfer, if: (1) The reduced use is due to cropping patterns or system efficiencies; (2) the water right holder intends to fully exercise the right; and (3) the water right holder has the ability to make beneficial use of the full right.