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Brief Description: Establishing a system of standards and procedures concerning water quality data.

**SB 5957 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Finds that: (1) Proper collection and review of credible water quality data is necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of the federal clean water act;

(2) Developing and implementing water quality protection measures based only on credible water quality data ensures that the financial resources of state and local governments and regulated entities are prioritized to address our state's most important water quality issues; and

(3) The state currently lacks standards relating to the collection of water quality data even though the collection and analysis of that data provides the basis for water quality protection efforts and can have significant regulatory and financial impacts.

Declares an intent to establish a system of standards and procedures to ensure that only credible water quality data is used as the basis for specific state water quality programs.