

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Beyer, Burley, Cannon, Macpherson, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Repeals sunset on authority for split use leasing of all or a portion of a water right for instream use.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of the instream water rights and split season lease laws
- Existing protections for other water right holders
- Valuation of water rights

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: The 2001 Legislative Assembly authorized the split season lease of all or a portion of a water right for use instream. This authorization allows the use of both the existing water right and the leased, instream right during the same season or calendar year provided the uses are not concurrent and the holders of the water rights measure and report their use to the Water Resources Department. This authority was scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2008. HB 2097 repeals the sunset.