

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

Vote: 5 - 1 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Burley, Cannon, Jenson, Dingfelder

Nays: Smith G.

Exc.: Macpherson

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Meeting Dates: 2/14, 2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the amount of certain fees collected by the Water Resources Department, including application fees for permits, transfers and storage. Creates new fees for additional points of diversion or uses in permit application or additional water rights or permits in transfer application.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Adjusting fees to reflect the cost of processing a request
- Specific fee increases
- Fee vs. General Fund support for programs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The review and processing of new water right applications and transfers has become increasingly complex with limited water supplies and competing demands. The Water Resources Department receives approximately 450 new water right applications and 300 transfer applications each year. HB 2101 would create new fees and increase the amount of certain fees collected by the Water Resources Department.