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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB3164

Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Hartman and Owens, and members of the Committee.

I am writing to provide a neutral testimony regarding HB3164, which proposes to make permanent provisions conditionally allowing water right lease to split use of water between existing water right and in-stream water right within the same year. The bill also removes the prohibition on leasing water right for split use for a period of more than 10 years.

I appreciate the complexity of the issues surrounding water rights, and I understand the importance of preserving and protecting our precious water resources while balancing the needs of various stakeholders. While I have not taken a position on this bill, I urge careful consideration of its potential impacts on the environment, the economy, and the communities that depend on water resources.

I encourage lawmakers to conduct a thorough analysis of the potential benefits and drawbacks of this bill, and to consider input from experts, stakeholders, and members of the public. This bill has the potential to significantly impact the way water rights are managed in the state, and it is important to ensure that any changes made are well-informed and well-considered.