

CONFLICT AMENDMENT RECOMMENDATION

HB 3544

Relating to water

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

Carrier: Senator Frederick

HB 3544 establishes a uniform process and timeline for contested case proceedings on new water right and water right transfer applications administered by the Water Resources Department.

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means previously approved this bill, and it has passed the House.

The –B8 amendment resolves conflicts with HB 3342. The conflict amendment repeals sections 5, 32, 33, and 39 of HB 3342; and inserts language into HB 3544 so that both bills function together to address contested case proceedings regarding water rights.

I recommend HB 3544 be amended by the –B8 conflict amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.