

Subject Large Water-Use Permits and Environmental Review of Data Centers

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Overview

This bill would establish new requirements for large water appropriation projects and require an environmental impact statement (EIS) for certain data center projects.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Preapplication evaluation of large water appropriation projects.</p> <p>Encourages a proposer of a large water appropriation project (project with a consumptive use exceeding 100,000,000 gallons per year or 250,000 per day) to discuss the project with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as early in the development process as possible. Requires a city or county employee contacted by a large water appropriation project proposer to notify the DNR of the contact. Lists preapplication information the DNR may request from the project proposer that is helpful in assessing water needs, and specifies that information exchanged under this subdivision is nonpublic until the project is abandoned or a formal application for a water use permit is made.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Large water appropriation projects; permit conditions.</p> <p>Lists goals the DNR must ensure are met in its crafting of permit conditions for large water users.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Data centers; environmental review.</p> <p>States that the construction of a data center with an average hourly load of 100 megawatts or greater or an expansion of an existing facility by that amount requires preparation of an EIS for which the Public Utilities Commission serves as the responsible governmental unit.</p> |



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