

**Bill No.:** SF0043 **Effective:** 7/1/2025

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**Enrolled Act No.:** SEA No. 0071

**Chapter No.:** 134

**Prime Sponsor:** Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands & Water Resources Interim Committee

**Catch Title:** **Temporary water use agreements amendments.**

**Has Report:** No

**Subject:** Extending the number of years where temporary water rights may be granted.

**Summary/Major Elements:**

- Existing law provides a process for a person to acquire a temporary water right by transfer for a period of two (2) years for specified purposes.
- This bill extends the period of a temporary water right to five (5) years.
- The bill also removes the specified purposes for a temporary water right and provides that a temporary water right can be acquired for temporary beneficial purposes.
- The bill prohibits the State Engineer from approving a temporary water right transfer if it would injuriously affect the water rights of other appropriators.
- The bill authorizes the State Engineer to renew a temporary water right for successive periods of not more than five (5) years and provides that the total length of a temporary water right transfer shall not exceed ten (10) years.
- The bill specifies that after the expiration of any temporary transfer of any irrigation water right, the water right shall be used for its adjudicated or permitted purpose for not less than fifty percent (50%) of the period for which the temporary transfer was exercised before becoming eligible for any further temporary transfers.

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