

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This bill creates a new section 55-616 to outline what happens with water rights and entitlements when property changes hands. The bill codifies existing common law and practice relating the conveyance of water rights and entitlements, including that all appurtenant water rights are conveyed unless expressly retained by the seller. In addition, all entitlements to receive water from an irrigation district, city irrigation system or canal company are conveyed as are the obligations associated with membership in a ground water district.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation will have no impact on the state's General Fund because the proposed amendment is limited to codifying current common law and practices relating to the conveyance of water rights. It does not create any obligation that would require an expenditure from the general fund.

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