

# CSHB 77(RES): LAND DISPOSALS/EXCHANGES; WATER RIGHTS

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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**This is a summary of changes between HB77\A and CSHB 77(RES)\N.**

In the House Resources committee, two amendments were made to HB77.

In Sections 7 and 8 beginning on page 7, line 27, language was added to clarify that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had the authority to allow land and property sales to be purchased by payment in full up-front as well as by contract.

In Section 44 on page 22, line 12, the transition language applying to existing pending applications by a “person” for water reservations was amended. HB 77 initially stated that the DNR may refer existing applications to other state agencies for an independent evaluation and consideration of submission of a similar application. In the House Resources committee, the language was amended so that DNR shall transfer the pending application to an entity identified by the applicant, if the applicant requests, and that entity must notify DNR if it intends to pursue the same or smaller reservation within two years. Furthermore, if the entity pursues the reservation and a certificate of reservation is issued, the certificate will carry the priority date of the original application.