

**Subject** Water-Use Permits

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## Summary

This bill would modify the priority order the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) uses when adopting rules for allocating water as part of the DNR's water-use permitting process. It would establish a new sixth priority category to increase the priority order for irrigating golf courses that implement best management practices as part of a DNR approved plan. Golf course irrigation is currently included in the last priority category for "nonessential uses" which would be moved to the seventh priority under the bill.

The bill would also remove golf course irrigation from the list of restrictions that must be made by public water suppliers when the governor declares a draught or other critical water deficiency.