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Malone (SB 244)

DIGEST

Proposed constitutional amendment authorizes the legislature by law to establish and implement one or more programs to assist farmers who voluntarily forgo agricultural production for the purpose of protecting, conserving, or replenishing groundwater supply during periods of drought or to enhance and develop surface water resources for use by farmers for irrigation purposes, or both. Further authorizes the legislature by law to provide for and maintain a permanent trust fund to provide revenue to assist eligible farmers in the form of loans, grants, or other subsidies and to provide revenue for the development and enhancement of surface water resources.

Specifies submission of the amendment to the voters at the statewide election to be held on November 5, 2002.

(Adds Const. Art. VII, §10.11)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill.

1. Adds provisions authorizing programs to enhance and develop surface water resources for irrigation.
2. Authorizes use of trust fund monies for development and enhancement of surface water resources.