
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the sale of running surface water belonging to the state for use in other states.

Present law provides for the management of running surface water of the state including the establishment of cooperative endeavor agreements for withdrawal and sale of the water.

Present law authorizes the secretary to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements for use of running surface water outside of the boundaries of the state with the approval of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.

Proposed law revokes the authority to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements for use of running surface water outside of the state and further provides that no provision of present law can be construed to allow the sale of the running surface water of the state for use outside the state.

(Adds R.S. 30:961(L); Repeals R.S. 30:961(I))