

Amend CSSB 1374 by striking proposed Subsection 11.0237(a) (committee printing page 2, lines 64-69; page 3, lines 1-4), substituting the following, and renaming proposed Section 11.0237, to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0237. PROCESSING OF WATER RIGHTS APPLICATIONS DURING STUDY PERIOD. (a) In order to preserve options for protecting environmental flows, the commission shall suspend action on all applications for permits for new appropriations of water for instream flows dedicated to environmental needs or bay and estuary inflows and on all applications for new appropriations for the use of 25,000 acre feet or more of water for consumptive purposes. The commission may proceed with the processing of an application for a new appropriation for the use of 25,000 acre feet or more of water for consumptive purposes if the agency finds that the processing of the application prior to the expiration date for this section is necessary to address a water emergency. This section does not prohibit the commission from issuing an amendment to an existing permit or certificate of adjudication to change the use to or add a use for instream flows dedicated to environmental needs or bay and estuary inflows. This section does not apply to any permit granted before the effective date of this section.