I urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 977-1. The existing language is fair for the water right user and also protects state interests. The proposed language would be devastating to some farmers who might have to halt irrigation and lose all investment made towards the upcoming harvest.

This bill would be the same as having someone work for 1/2 or 3/4 of a month and then not paying them for their work.

Please leave existing language in place.

Sincerely,

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