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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Jeff Golden, Chair
Senate Committee on Natural Resources

C: Laura Kentnesse, Legislative Policy and Research Office

FROM: Bryn Hudson, Legislative Coordinator

SUBJECT: Response to Question on HB 3211

The Department received a question related to House Bill 3211, which authorizes the holder of certain water right certificates that authorize storage of water for municipal use to change authorized point of diversion and place of use without losing priority of right under specified circumstances. The Department is not taking a position on the bill and the Department's response is provided below.

Does House Bill 3211 apply specifically to the City of Newport (Big Creek Dam project)?

House Bill 3211 A-Engrossed limits the bill to the holder of water right certificates 21358, 48627 and 89100, which all authorize the storage of water from Big Creek, tributary to the Pacific Ocean and are owned by the City of Newport.