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ISGAR PASSES MEASURE TO CREATE INTERBASIN WATER ROUNDTABLE

Senate sponsor emphasizes that bill will help limit court fights and water disputes

DENVER—Today, **Senator Jim Isgar (D-Hesperus)** passed a bill through the Senate that will create a 25-member interbasin compact committee to negotiate the equitable use of Colorado's waters. House Bill 1177 passed on Senate Third Reading on a vote of 30 to 4.

“This is common-sense legislation that allows water users to address potential conflicts amongst themselves through representatives who are willing and more than qualified to negotiate the issues,” said Isgar. “We have widespread support, by people who know that this is an innovative solution to decades-old water feuds in Colorado.”

Under House Bill 1177 the nine roundtables from diverse parts of the state will analyze water management issues within their area and actively seek the input and advice of local stakeholders, local governments, water providers and others interested in water management. Results will be forwarded to the Interbasin Compact Committee and to other roundtables for consideration.

Senator Isgar added, “Protecting the water of Southwest Colorado has always been a priority for me, and it is important to my constituents. This legislation does just that without pitting one region against another or one political party against another.”

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