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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to water; to require inclusion of established
2 surface water use and established ground water use in
3 certain agreements between a natural resources district
4 and the Department of Natural Resources as prescribed.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Any agreement made between the Department of
2 Natural Resources and a natural resources district regarding the
3 creation of an equitable apportionment of virgin water supply within
4 a river basin described in section 2-1504, which districts have
5 included the regulation of surface water in an integrated management
6 plan to comply with a compact, agreement, or decree, shall include
7 established surface water use as determined by the department and
8 established ground water use as determined by the department when
9 determining the baseline equitable apportionment of virgin water
10 supply among natural resources districts within such basin. Such
11 baseline equitable apportionment determinations shall be developed
12 from empirical data available at the time of the original agreement,
13 derived from accepted best-practice scientific methods and standards
14 of measurement among professional hydrologists, engineers, water
15 managers, and officials.