

SS SB 221 -- JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY DETERMINATIONS

This bill repeals a provision related to judicial review of actions by state agencies. The bill requires a court or officer hearing an administrative action to review the meaning and effect of a statute, rule, regulation, or other subregulatory document de novo rather than relying on a state agency's interpretation of the statute, rule, regulation, or other document. In an action brought by or against a state agency, the court or officer hearing the administrative action, after applying customary tools of interpretation, must decide any remaining doubt in favor of a reasonable interpretation that limits agency power and maximizes individual liberty.