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H.B. No. 3084

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the proposal by the Texas Water Development Board of a
3 process to identify and evaluate multiregional water supply
4 projects.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. REPORT. (a) In this section:

7 (1) "Board" means the Texas Water Development Board.

8 (2) "Multiregional water supply project" means a water
9 supply project that has the potential to serve more than one
10 regional water planning area and:

11 (A) create greater yields of water at a lower
12 unit cost due to economies of scale; or

13 (B) provide strategic water reserves for the
14 state's long-term water needs.

15 (b) Not later than December 1, 2024, the board shall submit
16 to the legislature a report that:

17 (1) proposes the framework for the addition of a new
18 state-level planning component to the existing regional water
19 planning process that would identify and evaluate multiregional
20 water supply projects; and

21 (2) contains a general outline for a potential work
22 plan, timeline, and estimated cost for the implementation of the
23 planning component proposed by Subdivision (1) of this subsection.

24 (c) In developing the multiregional planning component

1 framework described by Subsection (b)(1) of this section, the board
2 shall consider:

3 (1) the currently adopted regional and state water
4 plans;

5 (2) potentially available unused or new water sources,
6 including sources related to flooding and seawater;

7 (3) information that is readily available regarding
8 potential multiregional water supply projects;

9 (4) the potential of multiregional water supply
10 projects to:

11 (A) provide water supplies beyond the 50-year
12 state water planning horizon; and

13 (B) address droughts worse than the drought of
14 record; and

15 (5) other relevant factors as determined by the board.

16 (d) In developing the report required by Subsection (b) of
17 this section, the board may:

18 (1) consult with the interregional planning council
19 established by Section 16.052, Water Code; and

20 (2) contract for research and technical services as
21 needed in developing the proposed framework for the multiregional
22 planning component of the state water plan.

23 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2025.

24 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
25 1, 2021.