

Amend **HB 1378** by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION of the bill to read as follows and renumbering SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION _____. Section 16.012, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

(n) Information collected by the executive administrator for use in the development of groundwater availability models under Subsection (1) that reveals site-specific landowner information is not subject to Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not be disclosed to any person if the landowner has requested that the information be confidential. The executive director or the executive director's designee shall advise the landowner of the right to request that the information be confidential under this subsection when the permission is request from the landowner to conduct groundwater studies or surveys on the landowner's property. If the landowner requests that the information be confidential, the executive administrator may release information regarding groundwater information only if the information is summarized in a manner that prevents the identification of an individual, including the landowner, or specific parcel of land. This subsection does not apply to a parcel of land that is not privately owned.