

Amend CSSB 1952 by adding the following appropriately numbered new SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly, to read as follows:

SECTION _____. Chapter 2113, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. RESTRICTIONS ON CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

Sec. 2113.301. PREFERENCE FOR FINANCING CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WITH MONEY GENERATED BY UTILITY COST SAVINGS CONTRACT. (a) In this section:

(1) "State facility purpose" means a purpose related to:

(A) the maintenance of a state-owned or state-leased building or facility, if such maintenance involves the purchase, repair, or rehabilitation of any device at the building or facility or of the building or facility itself, if such action will result in a cost of \$5,000.00 or more; or

(B) a project as defined by Section 2166.001, including a project described by Section 2166.003.

(2) "Utility cost savings contract" means a contract under Subchapter I, Chapter 2166, or other law that guarantees utility cost savings for energy conservation measures to reduce energy or water consumption or to reduce operating costs of governmental facilities.

(b) Before a state agency may use appropriated money to make a capital expenditure for a state facility purpose, the state agency must determine whether the expenditure could be financed with money generated by a utility cost savings contract.

(c) If it is practicable to do so, a state agency that is using appropriated money must finance a capital expenditure for a state facility purpose with money generated by a utility cost savings contract.

(d) If it is not practicable for a state agency that is using appropriated money to finance a capital expenditure for a state facility purpose with money generated by a utility cost savings contract, the state agency must provide justification to the Legislative Budget Board for the capital expenditure.

(e) In determining under Subsection (b) whether a capital

expenditure could be financed by a utility cost savings contract, a state agency must consider whether utility cost savings generated by any department of that agency could be a potential means of financing a capital expenditure for any department of that agency. Money generated by a utility cost savings in one department of a state agency may be used to finance capital expenditures for a state facility purpose in any department of that agency.