

Amend Article VI, **CSSB 1** (House Committee Printing) by inserting the following appropriately-numbered Rider to the appropriation for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as follows and renumbering subsequent Riders accordingly:

_____. TESTING FOR MERCURY CONTAMINATION. Out of the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.2 (Water Assessment and Planning), \$750,000 in FY 2006 and \$750,000 in FY 2007 shall be used for the purpose of testing for mercury contamination of the waters of this State by the testing of the tissue of fish and shellfish living in State waters. The Commission should give priority to testing bodies of fresh water and salt water that have not previously been tested for mercury contamination by any state or federal agency, but where there is probable cause that mercury contamination may have occurred. The Commission shall share the results of the testing with the Department of State Health Services for purposes of considering the appropriate warnings to the public of found mercury contamination that the Department is authorized by general law to issue.