BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project is a water supply project included in both the Region C Water Plan and the State Water Plan as a recommended water management strategy to help meet the future water supply demands of Region C, and the site of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir is recommended by the Texas Water Development Board in the State Water Plan as a site having unique value for reservoir construction.

As proposed, S.B. 1519 provides for the designation of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project as a site of unique value for the construction of a dam and reservoir. Section 16.051 (State Water Plan: Drought, Conservation, Development, and Management; Effect of Plan), Water Code, authorizes the legislature to designate sites having unique value for reservoir construction.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. DEFINITION. Defines "Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir."

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. Sets forth findings of the legislature relating to the development of new water supplies and the designation of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir site as a reservoir.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATION OF SITE. Provides that the legislature, as authorized by Section 16.051(g) (relating to the designation of sites as reservoirs), Water Code, hereby designates the site known as Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir on Bois d'Arc Creek, near Bonham, as a site of unique value for the construction of a dam and reservoir. Provides that the legislature also determines that Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir is a specific water management strategy necessary to meet identified water supply requirements in Region C of the state water plan.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2005.