

Amend Floor Amendment No. 65 by Alonzo to **CSSB 3** as follows:

(1) Strike page 1, lines 1 through 4, of the amendment and substitute the following:

Amend **CSSB 3** (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) In ARTICLE 2 of the bill, add the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumber the other SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

(2) On page 2 of the amendment, following line 4, add the following:

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumber the other ARTICLES of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. STUDY OF ROLE OF LAKE SOMERVILLE IN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

SECTION _____.01. The legislature finds that:

(1) in 1954, the United States Congress authorized the construction of Lake Somerville to provide flood control, water conservation, and other beneficial uses for nearby areas; subsequently, the United States Army Corps of Engineers began reservoir construction in 1962 and began to impound water in 1967;

(2) straddling the borders of Burleson, Washington, and Lee Counties, on Yegua Creek 20 river miles upstream from that creek's confluence with the Brazos River, the lake has a storage capacity of 337,700 acre-feet;

(3) operation of the lake is supervised by the Fort Worth District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers; the lake is one of nine federal reservoirs that are integrated into the Brazos River Authority's basin-wide system and associated water resource development master plan;

(4) the Brazos River Authority owns the stored water, a source from which it furnishes supplies to the City of Brenham according to a contract that was last renewed for a 10-year period in 2003;

(5) also significantly involved in the region is the Lower Colorado River Authority, which, from its diverse mix of power plants, provides wholesale electricity to various communities as well as offering them its economic research and expertise;

(6) although Lake Somerville has long been a tourist destination for fishing and other water recreation, the facility has not fully effectuated the three-county economic impact that originally was expected at the time that it was built; and

(7) a study of Lake Somerville's role in economic development would assist in explaining why the lake has not yet had that impact, beyond the tourism industry, and would help to identify impediments that currently restrict its contribution as well as strategies that would better maximize its economic potential.

SECTION _____.02. The Brazos River Authority and the Lower Colorado River Authority shall:

(1) conduct, with appropriate input from the public and private sectors, a joint baseline study of the role of Lake Somerville in the economic development of the surrounding vicinity; and

(2) jointly submit a full report of their findings and recommendations to the 81st Legislature when that legislature convenes in January 2009.