

Amend **CSHB 3526** (Senate committee report) as follows:

(1) Add the following SECTIONS to ARTICLE 3 of the bill, appropriately numbered, and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 3 of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 3.____. Section 11.002(19), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(19) "Science [~~advisory~~] committee" means the Texas environmental flows science [~~advisory~~] committee.

SECTION 3.____. The heading to Section 11.02361, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.02361. TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS SCIENCE
[~~ADVISORY~~] COMMITTEE.

(2) In the recital to SECTION 3.02 of the bill (page 3, line 7), strike "and (f)" and substitute "(d), (e), (f), and (g)".

(3) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill, in amended Section 11.02361(a), Water Code (page 3, line 9), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(4) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill, in amended Section 11.02361(b), Water Code (page 3, line 14), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(5) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill, in added Section 11.02361(b-1), Water Code (page 3, line 21), strike "advisory".

(6) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill, in amended Section 11.02361(c), Water Code (page 3, line 25), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(7) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill, in amended Section 11.02361(c), Water Code (page 3, line 26), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(8) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill (page 3, lines 29-38), strike amended Section 11.02361(f), Water Code, and substitute the following:

(d) Chapter 2110, Government Code, does not apply to the size, composition, or duration of the science [~~advisory~~] committee.

(e) The science [~~advisory~~] committee shall:

(1) serve as an objective scientific body to advise and make recommendations to the advisory group on issues relating to the science of environmental flow protection; and

(2) develop recommendations to help provide overall direction, coordination, and consistency relating to:

(A) environmental flow methodologies for bay and estuary studies and instream flow studies;

(B) environmental flow programs at the commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the board; and

(C) the work of the basin and bay expert science teams described in Section 11.02362.

(f) To assist the advisory group to assess the extent to which the recommendations of the science [~~advisory~~] committee are considered and implemented, the commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the board shall provide written reports to the advisory group, at intervals determined by the advisory group, that describe:

(1) the actions taken by each agency in response to each recommendation; and

(2) for each recommendation not implemented, the reason it was not implemented.

(g) The science [~~advisory~~] committee is abolished on the date the advisory group is abolished under Section 11.0236(m).

(9) In the recital to SECTION 3.03 of the bill, between "(g)," and "(n)" (page 3, line 40), insert "(k),".

(10) In SECTION 3.03 of the bill, in amended Section 11.02362, Water Code, between added Subsection (i-1) and amended Subsection (n) of the section (page 6, between lines 25 and 26), insert the following:

(k) The science [~~advisory~~] committee shall appoint one of its members to serve as a liaison to each basin and bay expert science team to facilitate coordination and consistency in environmental flow activities throughout the state. The commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, and the board shall provide technical assistance to each basin and bay expert science team, including information about the studies conducted under Sections 16.058 and 16.059, and may serve as nonvoting members of the basin and bay expert science team to facilitate the development of environmental flow regime recommendations.

(11) In SECTION 3.03 of the bill, in amended Section 11.02362(q), Water Code (page 7, line 11), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(12) In SECTION 3.04 of the bill, in amended Section 11.1471(b)(9), Water Code (page 7, line 52), strike "advisory" and

substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(13) Add the following SECTION to ARTICLE 3 of the bill, appropriately numbered, and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of ARTICLE 3 of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 3.____. Section 11.1491(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Parks and Wildlife Department and the commission shall have joint responsibility to review the studies prepared under Section 16.058, to determine inflow conditions necessary for the bays and estuaries, and to provide information necessary for water resources management. Each agency shall designate an employee to share equally in the oversight of the program. Other responsibilities shall be divided between the Parks and Wildlife Department and the commission to maximize present in-house capabilities of personnel and to minimize costs to the state. Each agency shall have reasonable access to all information produced by the other agency. Publication of reports completed under this section shall be submitted for comment to the commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the advisory group, the science [~~advisory~~] committee, and any applicable basin and bay area stakeholders committee and basin and bay expert science team.

(14) In SECTION 3.05 of the bill, in amended Section 15.4063(1), Water Code (page 7, line 59), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(15) In SECTION 3.05 of the bill, in amended Section 15.4063(2), Water Code (page 7, line 68), strike "advisory" and substitute "[~~advisory~~]".

(16) IN SECTION 3.06 of the bill (page 8, line 18), strike "advisory".