

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1433  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

H.B. 1433 increases the maximum annual water quality fee that can be imposed on holders of wastewater discharge permits and on users of water from \$75,000 to \$200,000. The bill also increases the maximum annual fee that can be imposed against a wastewater discharge or treatment facility that holds a water right for the use of water by the facility from \$75,000 to \$200,000.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the Committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the commission in SECTION 1 of this bill.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 26.0291(e), Water Code, as follows:

Subsection (e) Provides that the maximum dollar amount of the annual water quality fee that can be charged for each permit or contract may not exceed \$200,000 rather than \$75,000. Provides that the maximum annual water quality fee that can be charged against a wastewater discharge or treatment facility that holds a water right for the use of water by the facility may not exceed \$200,000 rather than \$75,000.

SECTION 2. Provides the effective date of this Act.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.