

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3269
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority was created to provide services to its member cities. Since such cities pay essentially all operating and debt service costs of the district, it is necessary that their views be taken into account in any matter that might be discussed in an executive session by the board of the district. When circumstances justify a closed meeting of the board of directors, it is important that the positions of the member cities be taken into account during the discussion. If officials of a member city are not allowed to be present, the meeting is required to be recessed so that those views can be communicated to the directors, creating an unwieldy process.

Current law is not clear as to whether or not officials from member cities may be included in a closed meeting of the board of directors.

H.B. 3269 allows officers and employees of constituent cities of the district to be included in a closed meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3269 amends Section 5(b), Chapter 243, Acts of the 53rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1953, to authorize the inclusion of officers and employees of constituent cities of the district in closed meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority that is authorized under provisions relating to open government.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2009.