

Amend CSSB 655 by adding the following appropriately numbered section and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter E, Chapter 91, Natural Resources Code, is amended by adding Section 91.1421 to read as follows:

Sec. 91.1421. ANNUAL REPORT OF GROUNDWATER USE.

(a) In this section, "groundwater" has the meaning assigned by Section 36.001, Water Code.

(b) The Commission shall collect information on the annual use of groundwater used in the exploration and development of oil and gas resources on a regional and statewide basis.

(c) In collecting the information, the Commission shall allow for estimates or ranges of use to ease the collection of information where actual water use information is not available.

(d) The Commission may collect information from any source to aid in its collection including actual industries or groundwater conservation districts.

(e) The Commission shall share this information with the Texas Water Development Board for use in the statewide water planning process.