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H.B. No. 2133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to state policies and the evaluation of practices
3 regarding water development and conservation.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1.003, Water Code, is amended to read as
6 follows:

7 Sec. 1.003. PUBLIC POLICY. It is the public policy of the
8 state to provide for the conservation and development of the
9 state's natural resources, including:

10 (1) the control, storage, preservation, and
11 distribution of the state's storm and floodwaters and the waters of
12 its rivers and streams for irrigation, power, and other useful
13 purposes;

14 (2) the reclamation and irrigation of the state's
15 arid, semiarid, and other land needing irrigation;

16 (3) the reclamation and drainage of the state's
17 overflowed land and other land needing drainage;

18 (4) the conservation and development of its forest,
19 water, and hydroelectric power;

20 (5) the navigation of the state's inland and coastal
21 waters;

22 (6) the maintenance of a proper ecological environment
23 of the bays and estuaries of Texas and the health of related living
24 marine resources;

1 (7) the voluntary stewardship of public and private
2 lands to benefit waters of the state; [~~and~~]

3 (8) the promotion of rainwater harvesting for potable
4 and nonpotable purposes at public and private facilities in this
5 state, including residential, commercial, and industrial
6 buildings;

7 (9) the facilitation of the efficient and effective
8 use of innovative and alternative water treatment technologies
9 whenever possible to meet the natural resource needs of this state;
10 and

11 (10) the promotion of direct reuse of reclaimed water
12 for nonpotable purposes whenever possible to enhance and preserve
13 the state's freshwater supply.

14 SECTION 2. Section 10.010, Water Code, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Sec. 10.010. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL. (a) The council
17 shall:

18 (1) monitor trends in water conservation
19 implementation;

20 (2) monitor and evaluate new technologies for possible
21 inclusion by the board as best management practices in the best
22 management practices guide developed by the water conservation
23 implementation task force under Chapter 109, Acts of the 78th
24 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003;

25 (3) monitor the effectiveness of the statewide water
26 conservation public awareness program developed under Section
27 16.401 and associated local involvement in implementation of the

1 program;

2 (4) develop and implement a state water management
3 resource library;

4 (5) develop and implement a public recognition program
5 for water conservation;

6 (6) monitor the implementation of water conservation
7 strategies by water users included in regional water plans; and

8 (7) monitor target and goal guidelines for water
9 conservation to be considered by the board and commission.

10 (b) New technologies evaluated for possible inclusion in
11 the best management practices guide under Subsection (a)(2) must
12 include technologies associated with agricultural and landscaping
13 irrigation, plumbing retrofits, and hydraulic shock-prevention
14 systems.

15 SECTION 3. Section 10.011, Water Code, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 Sec. 10.011. REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each
18 even-numbered year, the council shall submit to the governor,
19 lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives a
20 report on progress made in water conservation in this state. The
21 report must include specific statutory, budgetary, and policy
22 recommendations to improve water conservation and management.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.