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H.B. No. 2133

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2133:

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C.S.H.B. No. 2133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the public policy for the use of innovative and
3 alternative water treatment technologies for water development
4 purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 marine resources;

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.