

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 589
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2013; February 20, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources;
 1-4 March 6, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 6, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the designation of certain river or stream segments as
 1-22 being of unique ecological value.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "Region L" means
 1-25 Regional Water Planning Area L designated in accordance with
 1-26 Section 16.053, Water Code, as the area's boundaries existed on
 1-27 September 1, 2013.

1-28 SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF RIVER OR STREAM SEGMENTS OF
 1-29 UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL VALUE. The legislature, as authorized by
 1-30 Subsection (f), Section 16.051, Water Code, designates as being of
 1-31 unique ecological value the following river or stream segments:

1-32 (1) the Nueces River from the northern boundary of
 1-33 Region L to United States Geological Survey gauge number 08190000;

1-34 (2) the Frio River from the northern boundary of
 1-35 Region L to United States Geological Survey gauge number 08195000;

1-36 (3) the Sabinal River from the northern boundary of
 1-37 Region L to its intersection with State Highway 187;

1-38 (4) the San Marcos River from a point 0.4 miles
 1-39 upstream from its intersection with State Highway Loop 82 to its
 1-40 intersection with Interstate Highway 35; and

1-41 (5) the Comal River from its intersection with East
 1-42 Klingemann Street in New Braunfels to its confluence with the
 1-43 Guadalupe River.

1-44 SECTION 3. EFFECT OF DESIGNATION. The designation of a
 1-45 river or stream segment as being of unique ecological value under
 1-46 Section 2 of this Act:

1-47 (1) means only that a state agency or political
 1-48 subdivision of the state may not finance the actual construction of
 1-49 a reservoir in the designated segment;

1-50 (2) does not affect the ability of a state agency or
 1-51 political subdivision of the state to construct, operate, maintain,
 1-52 or replace a weir, a water diversion, flood control, drainage, or
 1-53 water supply system, or a recreational facility in the designated
 1-54 segment;

1-55 (3) does not prohibit the permitting, financing,
 1-56 construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement of any water
 1-57 management strategy to meet projected water supply needs
 1-58 recommended in, or designated as an alternative in, the 2011
 1-59 Regional Water Plan for Region L; and

1-60 (4) does not alter any existing property right of an
 1-61 affected landowner.

2-1 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
2-2 1, 2013.

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