

1-1 By: King of Uvalde (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1016
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 13, 2015;
 1-3 April 21, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs; May 5, 2015, reported
 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 5, 2015, sent
 1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the designation of certain river or stream segments as
 1-19 being of unique ecological value.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "Region L" means
 1-22 Regional Water Planning Area L designated in accordance with
 1-23 Section 16.053, Water Code, as the area's boundaries existed on
 1-24 September 1, 2015.

1-25 SECTION 2. DESIGNATION OF RIVER OR STREAM SEGMENTS OF
 1-26 UNIQUE ECOLOGICAL VALUE. The legislature, as authorized by Section
 1-27 16.051(f), Water Code, designates as being of unique ecological
 1-28 value the following river or stream segments:

1-29 (1) the Nueces River from the northern boundary of
 1-30 Region L to United States Geological Survey gauge number 08190000;

1-31 (2) the Frio River from the northern boundary of
 1-32 Region L to United States Geological Survey gauge number 08195000;

1-33 (3) the Sabinal River from the northern boundary of
 1-34 Region L to its intersection with State Highway 187;

1-35 (4) the San Marcos River from a point 0.4 miles
 1-36 upstream from its intersection with State Highway Loop 82 to its
 1-37 intersection with Interstate Highway 35; and

1-38 (5) the Comal River from its intersection with East
 1-39 Klingemann Street in New Braunfels to its confluence with the
 1-40 Guadalupe River.

1-41 SECTION 3. EFFECT OF DESIGNATION. The designation of a
 1-42 river or stream segment as being of unique ecological value under
 1-43 Section 2 of this Act:

1-44 (1) means only that a state agency or political
 1-45 subdivision of the state may not finance the actual construction of
 1-46 a reservoir in the designated segment;

1-47 (2) does not affect the ability of a state agency or
 1-48 political subdivision of the state to construct, operate, maintain,
 1-49 or replace a weir, a water diversion, flood control, drainage, or
 1-50 water supply system, a low water crossing, or a recreational
 1-51 facility in the designated segment;

1-52 (3) does not prohibit the permitting, financing,
 1-53 construction, operation, maintenance, or replacement of any water
 1-54 management strategy to meet projected water supply needs
 1-55 recommended in, or designated as an alternative in, the 2011 or 2016
 1-56 Regional Water Plan for Region L; and

1-57 (4) does not alter any existing property right of an
 1-58 affected landowner.

1-59 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
 1-60 1, 2015.

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