

1-1 By: Oliveira (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 3545
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;
 1-3 April 28, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 12, 2015, reported adversely,
 1-5 with favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,
 1-6 Nays 0; May 12, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3545 By: Lucio

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the establishment of an infrastructure improvement
 1-20 council by the Rio Grande Regional Water Authority; providing
 1-21 authority to impose a voluntary assessment.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 1.01, Chapter 385, Acts of the 78th
 1-24 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding
 1-25 Subdivision (4-b) to read as follows:

1-26 (4-b) "Council" means the council established under
 1-27 Section 1B.01 of this Act.

1-28 SECTION 2. Chapter 385, Acts of the 78th Legislature,
 1-29 Regular Session, 2003, is amended by adding Article IB to read as
 1-30 follows:

1-31 ARTICLE IB. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

1-32 Sec. 1B.01. INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL. (a) The
 1-33 board shall establish an infrastructure improvement council in
 1-34 connection with the implementation of infrastructure improvement
 1-35 projects within the authority's territory.

1-36 (b) The board shall set, according to a formula determined
 1-37 by the board, an annual voluntary assessment. Revenue from the
 1-38 assessment imposed under this subsection shall be deposited to the
 1-39 credit of an infrastructure improvement fund to be administered by
 1-40 the council. After the board sets the formula used to determine the
 1-41 assessment, the assessment may be modified only by the council.

1-42 (c) A member of the conference that pays the voluntary
 1-43 assessment under Subsection (b) shall appoint a representative to
 1-44 serve as a member of the council.

1-45 (d) The council may apply for financial assistance under
 1-46 Subchapters G and H, Chapter 15, Water Code, and may implement
 1-47 infrastructure improvement projects approved by the council under
 1-48 this article.

1-49 (e) The council shall study the viability of each
 1-50 infrastructure improvement project requested by council members to
 1-51 determine whether an infrastructure improvement project is
 1-52 eligible to receive financial assistance from the council.

1-53 (f) Only members of the council are eligible to receive
 1-54 financial assistance from the council for infrastructure
 1-55 improvement projects under this article.

1-56 (g) The council shall establish procedures to govern the
 1-57 council.

1-58 (h) The council may:

1-59 (1) hire employees to implement this section; and

1-60 (2) engage in infrastructure improvement projects

2-1 without board approval.

2-2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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