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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Population growth in the arid and semiarid regions
2 of the United States is expanding at a rate that far exceeds the
3 growth rate in other parts of the nation, yet it is this same region
4 where water sources have become limited in their capacity to
5 sustain future population growth; and

6 WHEREAS, Traditional approaches to meeting growing water
7 demand in urban areas require exploitation of surface and
8 subsurface resources to the maximum extent possible, but these
9 approaches are becoming increasingly costly; and

10 WHEREAS, Future growth and development in our state will
11 require cost-effective solutions to provide sustainable water
12 supplies, and this effort will require collaboration among all of
13 the communities, organizations, and institutions that have a stake
14 in the region's well-being; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby request the speaker to direct the House
17 Committee on Natural Resources to conduct an interim study on the
18 interconnectivity of Texas water resources; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the study specifically identify:

20 (1) which legal issues obstruct localities from
21 entering into agreements to transfer water;

22 (2) the financial barriers that restrict local water
23 suppliers from completing water transfer projects without state
24 assistance;

1 (3) any organizational problems that inhibit
2 cooperation between local water providers or regional water
3 planners in moving water; and

4 (4) potential partners among bordering states and the
5 potential challenges to water transfers between Texas suppliers and
6 suppliers in those states; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the committee submit a full report, including
8 its findings and recommendations, to the House of Representatives
9 of the 85th Texas Legislature before it convenes in January 2017.