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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 2334 |
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| Natural Resources |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties note a dissonance between the civil and criminal penalties under the Flood Control and Insurance Act in that the civil penalty covers a violation of the act or of a related rule or order whereas the criminal penalty only covers a violation of the act. H.B. 2334 seeks to address this issue to create consistency between the civil penalty and the criminal penalty for such violation. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 2334 amends the Water Code to expand the conduct that constitutes the Class C misdemeanor offense involving violating the Flood Control and Insurance Act to include violating a rule adopted or order issued under the act. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |