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H.B. No. 1536

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a study and report by the Texas Commission on  
3 Environmental Quality on the use of green stormwater infrastructure  
4 in this state.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 5.136 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 5.136. STUDY AND REPORT ON GREEN STORMWATER  
9 INFRASTRUCTURE. (a) In this section, "green stormwater  
10 infrastructure" means stormwater infrastructure that reduces and  
11 treats stormwater at the source using vegetation, soils, and other  
12 elements and practices to restore some of the natural processes  
13 required to manage stormwater. The term includes the use of rain  
14 gardens, rainwater harvesting systems, and permeable pavement.

15 (b) The commission shall study the installation and use of  
16 green stormwater infrastructure in this state.

17 (c) As part of the commission's biannual reports under  
18 Section 5.178, the commission shall include a written report that  
19 includes:

20 (1) an estimate of the amount of stormwater managed  
21 using green stormwater infrastructure in this state;

22 (2) a description of barriers to installing and using  
23 green stormwater infrastructure;

24 (3) recommendations to increase the installation and

1 use of green stormwater infrastructure;

2 (4) goals for increased installation and use of green  
3 stormwater infrastructure in this state; and

4 (5) progress made toward achieving the goals required  
5 under Subdivision (4) from the previous report.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.