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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 19, 2021

The Honorable Dade Phelan
Texas House of Representatives
Capitol Station
PO Box 2910
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

Re: Responsibility of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Pursuant to Article XVI, Section 59(d), Texas Constitution.

House Bill (HB) 4669, as Filed by Representative Briscoe Cain-relating to the boundaries of the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 70.

Dear Speaker Phelan:

The following comments are provided pursuant to the Constitutional requirements referenced above. Under those requirements, the TCEQ must submit, to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House of Representatives, the TCEQ's recommendations on specific legislation affecting water districts. We recommend that these comments be considered in the evaluation of the proposed legislation.

House Bill 4669 provides changes to the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 70 (District), by excluding specified parcels of land from the District. The exclusion of this property does not diminish or impair the rights of the holders of any outstanding and unpaid bonds, warrants, or other certificates of District indebtedness and that the excluded property is not released from the payment of its pro rata share of the District's indebtedness. The bill requires continuation of levied taxes each year on the excluded property at the same rate levied as other District property until the property's pro rata share of the District's indebtedness on the bill's effective date has been paid. The bill requires the taxes collected to be applied exclusively to the payment of the excluded property's pro rata share and authorizes the owner at any time to pay in full the owner's share of the pro rata share.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim Nygren".

Kim Nygren, Deputy Director
Water Availability Division

cc: The Honorable Tracy O. King, Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
Representative Briscoe Cain, Texas House of Representatives

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF TEXAS

HB 4669

Bill Number

TO: The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to transmit to you and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality copies of a bill relating to a conservation and reclamation district and copies of the notice of intention to introduce the bill. One copy is for your files and one for you to forward to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, under Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.

5/7/2021

Date transmitted to
Governor's Office



Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

TO: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

This is to forward to you a copy of a bill relating to conservation and reclamation district and a copy of the notice of intention to introduce the bill.

May 14, 2021

Date transmitted to
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Governor

TO: The Honorable Speaker of the House
The Honorable President of the Senate
The Honorable Governor of Texas
SUBJECT: A Bill Relating to a Conservation and Reclamation District

Attached are recommendations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in compliance with Section 59(d), Article XVI, Constitution of the State of Texas.



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



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