

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 2095

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Hearing Date: April 13, 2021 8:00 AM

Pat Bulla, Ms.

self

Austin, TX

I am in support of HB 2095.

Jonathan Grant

Self/retired

San Marcos, TX

I support passage of HB 2095.

Laurie Coffin

N/A

Austin, TX

I support HB 2095. Creating a system of comprehensive surface water and groundwater models, including models of the integration of surface water and groundwater, will provide better understanding of these interactions and water availability.

Dale Bulla, Mr.

self

Austin, TX

I so support HB 2095

Annalisa Peace

Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

San Antonio, TX

The Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance supports passage of HB 2095. Resulting models from BEG would be invaluable to research and would bolster sound decisions and policy by other state agencies.

Jana Colgate

self

Center Point, TX

I support

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Cheryl Hamilton, Dr.
Self, Retired senior citizen
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Alan Montemayor, Mr.
Self, Retired senior citizen
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Janette Couch
self
BOERNE, TX

I support HB 2095. The potential of modeling the interaction between ground water and surface water would be key to managing and understanding our water resources. I live in the Hill Country, where water is a very limited resource.

Jensie Madden
Self- Retired Educator
Fischer, TX

Please SUPPORT HB 2095. In order to plan for future sources of water, we need better models of surface water and groundwater interaction.

Elizabeth Bowerman
Comal County Conservation Alliance
New Braunfels, TX

On behalf of the Board and 927 members of the Comal County Conservation Alliance, I enthusiastically support HB 2095.

Donna Gottwald
Self retired dentist
Helotes, TX

I support HB 2095

Catherine Croom, Ms.
self/retired teacher
Bulverde, TX

I support HB 2095

Donnis Baggett

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Texas Press Association

Bryan, TX

The Texas Press Association opposes HB 2095 as written because it withholds important water information from the taxpayers who are paying for it. The bill calls for the University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology, along with other state universities, to compile and analyze data regarding surface and groundwater. The bill requires the sharing of the data with universities and state agencies. That makes sense, but the following section in the bill is a jawdropper::

" Sec. 39.0105. PUBLIC INFORMATION EXEMPTION. The data and models produced as required by this chapter are not subject to disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code."

There is no reasonable justification for telling the citizens of Texas that the water data they're paying for is none of their business. We urge you to either amend this egregious language or vote against HB 2095.