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H.B. No. 1499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an environmental product declaration grant program for certain manufacturers of ready-mixed concrete.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 5, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 5.1245 to read as follows:

Sec. 5.1245. ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS OF READY-MIXED CONCRETE. (a) In this section, "environmental product declaration" means an independently verified product-specific label that discloses the environmental impact of a manufactured product based on a life cycle assessment.

(b) This section applies only to a manufacturer of ready-mixed concrete that:

(1) is a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other legal entity formed for the purpose of making a profit;

(2) is independently owned and operated; and

(3) has fewer than 100 employees or less than \$6 million in annual gross receipts.

(c) The commission shall establish and administer a grant program to reimburse manufacturers of ready-mixed concrete described by Subsection (b) for the cost of accessing an environmental product declaration database or other software for

1 generating environmental product declarations for ready-mixed  
2 concrete products.

3 (d) As a condition of receiving a grant under this section,  
4 a manufacturer must agree to use environmental product declarations  
5 for the manufacturer's ready-mixed concrete products.

6 (e) The commission shall adopt rules to implement the  
7 program established under this section, including rules  
8 establishing:

9 (1) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;

10 (2) grant application procedures;

11 (3) criteria for evaluating grant applications and  
12 awarding grants;

13 (4) guidelines related to grant amounts; and

14 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant  
15 awarded under this section and ensuring compliance with any  
16 conditions of the grant.

17 SECTION 2. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
18 shall adopt rules and establish procedures under Section 5.1245,  
19 Water Code, as added by this Act, as soon as practicable after the  
20 effective date of this Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.