

By: Walle

H.B. No. 1499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an environmental product declaration grant program for 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 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) The commission shall establish and administer a grant program to reimburse manufacturers of ready-mixed concrete for the cost of accessing an environmental product declaration database or other software for generating environmental product declarations for ready-mixed concrete products.

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

(d) The commission shall adopt rules to implement the program established under this section, including rules establishing:

(1) eligibility criteria for grant applicants;

- 1 (2) grant application procedures;
- 2 (3) criteria for evaluating grant applications and
- 3 awarding grants;
- 4 (4) guidelines related to grant amounts; and
- 5 (5) procedures for monitoring the use of a grant
- 6 awarded under this section and ensuring compliance with any
- 7 conditions of the grant.

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

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