

SENATE AMENDMENTS
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By: Morales of Maverick

H.B. No. 3333

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0275 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0275. RESTRICTION ON PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES INTO CERTAIN SEGMENTS, ASSESSMENT UNITS, AND DRAINAGE AREAS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Assessment unit" has the meaning assigned by the commission's Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program as it existed on September 1, 2025.

(2) "Classified segment" means any portion of Devils River located in Val Verde County and identified in Appendices A and C of 30 T.A.C. Section 307.10 as it existed on September 1, 2025.

(3) "Drainage area" means any unclassified water body that drains to a stream segment or a stream assessment unit to which this section applies.

(4) "Stream assessment unit" means an assessment unit for a stream, creek, or river, or a portion of a stream, creek, or river, that is located within a classified segment that is not a stream segment to which this section applies.

(5) "Stream segment" means a stream, creek, or river,

1 or a portion of a stream, creek, or river, that is a classified
2 segment.

3 (6) "Unclassified water body" means a water body other
4 than a classified segment or an assessment unit located within a
5 classified segment.

6 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the commission may
7 not issue a new permit authorizing the direct discharge from a
8 domestic, industrial, or commercial wastewater treatment facility
9 of any waste, effluent, or pollutants into a stream segment, stream
10 assessment unit, or drainage area to which this section applies.

11 (c) This section does not affect the authority of the
12 commission to issue:

13 (1) an individual permit for a municipal separate
14 storm sewer system; or

15 (2) a general permit for stormwater and associated
16 non-stormwater discharges.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
18 to an application for a permit that is submitted to the Texas
19 Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date
20 of this Act. An application for a permit that was submitted to the
21 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality before the effective date
22 of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the
23 application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for
24 that purpose.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 28 2025

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Secretary of the Senate

By: *[Signature]*

H.B. No. 3333

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3333:

By: *[Signature]*

C.S. H.B. No. 3333

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 29, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3333 by Morales, Eddie (Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain river segments and drainage areas.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

LBB Staff: JMc, SD, FV, AJL, MW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3333 by Morales, Eddie (relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain river segments and drainage areas.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Local Government Impact

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2025

TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture and Rural Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3333 by Morales, Eddie (Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.), **As Engrossed**

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Local Government Impact

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LBB Staff: JMc, FV, AJL, MW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 5, 2025

TO: Honorable Brooks Landgraf, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3333 by Morales, Eddie (relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

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LBB Staff: JMc, FV, AJL, MW

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 23, 2025

TO: Honorable Brooks Landgraf, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3333 by Morales, Eddie (Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments, stream assessment units, and drainage areas.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time. Impacted local political subdivisions that may become more limited in options for wastewater disposal could need to find other methods of disposal.

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LBB Staff: JMc, FV, MW, AJL