

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 551  
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Natural Resources  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties note that the Water Conservation Advisory Council was created to provide the governor, members of the legislature, the public, and other entities with the resource of a select council with expertise in water conservation. The parties contend that it would be appropriate to use such council expertise to make recommendations for legislative action along with the biennial progress report on water conservation in Texas that the council already is required to submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives. C.S.S.B. 551 seeks to address this issue.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 551 amends the Water Code to require the Water Conservation Advisory Council, not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year and in addition to the statutorily required biennial progress report on water conservation, to submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives recommendations for legislation to advance water conservation in Texas, including conservation through the reduction of the amount of water lost because of evaporation.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2015.

### **COMPARISON OF SENATE ENGROSSED AND SUBSTITUTE**

While C.S.S.B. 551 may differ from the engrossed in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the engrossed and committee substitute versions of the bill.

#### **SENATE ENGROSSED**

SECTION 1. Section 10.011, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

#### **HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE**

SECTION 1. Section 10.011, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

84R 31805

15.141.535

Substitute Document Number: 84R 31133

Sec. 10.011. REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, the council shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of representatives;

(1) a report on progress made in water conservation in this state; and

(2) recommendations for legislation to advance water conservation in this state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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(1) a report on progress made in water conservation in this state; and

(2) recommendations for legislation to advance water conservation in this state, including conservation through the reduction of the amount of water lost because of evaporation.

SECTION 2. Same as engrossed version.