

1-1 By: Gerdes (Senate Sponsor - Kolthorst) H.B. No. 1689
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2025;
1-3 April 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
1-4 Agriculture and Rural Affairs; May 5, 2025, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the use of certain groundwater export fees collected by
1-20 a groundwater conservation district.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 36.207, Water Code, is amended by
1-23 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-24 follows:

1-25 (b) A district may use funds obtained from the amount that
1-26 an export fee is increased under Section 36.122(e-1) on or after
1-27 January 1, 2024, only for costs related to assessing and addressing
1-28 impacts associated with groundwater development, including:

1-29 (1) maintaining operability of wells significantly
1-30 affected by groundwater development, including wells located
1-31 outside the district;

1-32 (2) developing or distributing alternative water
1-33 supplies; and

1-34 (3) conducting aquifer monitoring, data collection,
1-35 and aquifer science.

1-36 (c) A district may use funds described by Subsection (b) to
1-37 maintain the operability of wells described by Subsection (b)(1)
1-38 that are located in another district only if the district enters
1-39 into an interlocal contract under Chapter 791, Government Code,
1-40 with the other district authorizing the funds to be used for that
1-41 purpose.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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