

- SUBJECT:** Using innovative and alternative water treatment for water development
- COMMITTEE:** Natural Resources — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Ritter, Ashby, D. Bonnen, Callegari, Keffer, Larson, Martinez Fischer, D. Miller
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Johnson, T. King, Lucio
- WITNESSES:** For —Harvey Everheart, Mesa Underground Water Conservation District; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Janet Adams, Jeff Davis County Underground Water Conservation District; Kyle Frazier, Texas Desalination Association; Myron Hess, National Wildlife Federation; Scott Holland, Irion County Water Conservation District and Sterling County Underground Water Conservation District; Billy Howe, Texas Farm Bureau; Steve Kosub, San Antonio Water System; Ken Kramer, Sierra Club - Lone Star Chapter; Chloe Lieberknecht, The Nature Conservancy; Mike Mahoney, Evergreen Underground Water Conservation District; Ed McCarthy, Fsh Holdings LP; Luke Metzger, Environment Texas; TJ Patterson, City of Fort Worth; Charles Profilet, SouthWest Water Company; Jason Skaggs, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; Stacey Steinbach, Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts; Cindy Weatherby, Santa Rita Underground Water Conservation District; David Weinberg, Texas League of Conservation Voters; C. E. Williams, Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District; Bill Norris; Darrell Peckham; Lonnie Stewart; Justin Sutherland)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Water Code, sec. 1003 states that it is the public policy of the state to provide for the conservation and development of the state's natural resources. This section includes several strategies for guidance.
- DIGEST:** The bill would amend Section 1.003 of the Water Code by adding public policy strategies to provide for the conservation and development of the state's natural resources to include:

- facilitation of innovative and alternative water treatment technologies; and
- promotion of direct reuse of treated wastewater for purposes other than drinking water.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2013.