

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, local governments are authorized to establish programs under the Texas Community Development Act of 1975 that promote energy conservation but are not expressly authorized to establish water conservation programs. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and neighborhood enterprise associations are also expressly authorized to promote energy conservation, but not water conservation. H.B. 2401 authorizes these entities to promote water conservation through certain state and local programs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 373.005(b), Local Government Code, to authorize a community development program to include construction, reconstruction, or installation that implements design features or makes improvements that promote water use efficiency, and makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 61.0591(c), Education Code, to include water conservation, rainwater harvesting, and water reuse to the list of efforts for which funds are to be allocated.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 2303.304(b), Government Code, authorize a neighborhood enterprise association with the approval of and in coordination with the responsible state or local governmental entity to provide water conservation projects.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2001.