

BILL ANALYSIS

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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

When the Edwards Aquifer Authority (authority) was created in the 73rd Legislative Session, the legislation did not provide definitions for "agricultural use" and "nursery grower." Currently, the authority charges fees for water usage. The fees for water used for agricultural purposes are calculated at different rates than those for water used for non-agricultural uses. C.S.H.B. 3404 adds the definitions of "agricultural use" and "nursery grower," for the purpose of clarifying which rate should be charged for a particular use of water.

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 1.03, Chapter 626, Acts of the 73rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1993, by adding Subdivisions (26) and (27), to define "agricultural use" and "nursery grower."

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Redefines "agricultural use" and adds new definition for "nursery grower." Deletes previously proposed definitions for "non-agricultural use" and "horticultural products."

Deletes previously proposed SECTION 2.

Renumbers SECTION 3 as SECTION 2.