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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties contend that customers of a retail public utility that experience significant water loss should be notified of that water loss. H.B. 1461 seeks to address this issue in order to assist the state in water conservation.

H.B. 1461 amends current law relating to customer notification of water loss by a retail public utility.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in SECTION 1 (Section 13.148, Water Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter E, Chapter 13, Water Code, by adding Section 13.148, as follows:

Sec. 13.148. NOTIFICATION OF WATER LOSS. (a) Requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by rule to require a retail public utility that files a water audit required by Section 16.0121 (Water Audits) to notify each of the utility's customers of the water loss reported in the water audit.

(b) Requires that a retail public utility provide the notice required under Subsection (a) on or with the utility's next annual consumer confidence report delivered after the water audit is filed or the next bill the customer receives after the water audit is filed.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.