

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires that retail public utilities develop and submit a water conservation plan to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). H.B. 1648 provides that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require retail public utilities to designate a person as a water conservation coordinator responsible for implementing the water conservation plan. Retail public utilities would also be required to identify, in writing, the water conservation coordinator to TWDB. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

H.B. 1648 amends current law relating to the designation of a water conservation coordinator by a retail public water utility to implement a water conservation plan.

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 13.146, Water Code, as follows:

Sec. 13.146. WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. Requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to require a retail public utility that provides potable water service to 3,300 or more connections to:

- (1) creates this subdivision from existing text and makes a nonsubstantive change;
- (2) designate a person as the water conservation coordinator (coordinator) responsible for implementing the water conservation plan; and
- (3) identify, in writing, the coordinator to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.