

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1101
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Regional water planning is set out in Chapter 16 (Provisions Generally Applicable to Water Development), Water Code.

S.B. 1101 allows a regional planning group that does not include a Chapter 36 groundwater conservation district to set its groundwater supply numbers for planning purposes.

As proposed, S.B. 1101 amends current law relating to the authority to determine the supply of groundwater in certain regional water plans.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

S.B. 1101 amends the Water Code, for the purpose of the requirement that a regional water planning group's regional water plan be consistent with the desired future conditions adopted for the relevant aquifers located in the regional water planning area, to require the regional water planning group to determine the supply of groundwater for regional planning purposes if no groundwater conservation district exists within the area of the regional water planning group.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2015.