

# NCTCOG Water Quality 87<sup>th</sup> Session Legislative Matrix

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= Changes since last NCTCOG Water Quality,
87 <sup>th</sup> Session Legislative Matrix, dated 4/8/21.
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Bill	Author	Торіс	Status	NCTCOG Staff Notes	Related Bills
<u>HB 303</u>	Collier	Relating to testing for lead contamination in public school drinking water	Referred to Public Education Committee.		
<u>HB 348</u>	Zwiener	Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.	Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee.		HB 2990
<u>HB 605</u>	Gervin-Hawkins	Relating to the adoption of a healthy and safe school water plan by public schools.	Placed on General State Calendar.		SB 2053
<u>HB 1044</u>	Anchia/Reynolds	Relating to establishing the Texas Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to study and address the impacts of climate change in this state.	Referred to the House Environmental Regulation Committee.		



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<u>HB 1143</u>	Ramos	Relating to the publication of pathogen-related freshwater data by the TCEQ.	Committee report sent to Local & Consent Calendar.		
<u>HB 1154</u>	Jetton/Metcalf/Bell/ Cecil	Relating to the requirements for meetings held and internet websites developed by certain special purpose districts.	Signed by Governor (6/15/21). Effective on 9/1/21.		
<u>HB 1191</u>	Goodwin/Reynolds	Relating to the creation of the Office of Environmental Justice within the TCEQ.	Referred to Environmental Regulation Committee.		SB 1294
<u>HB 1289</u>	Reynolds	Relating to notice of certain accidental discharges or spills to local government officials by the TCEQ.	Referred to Environmental Regulation Committee.	If such a spill is from a wastewater facility owned or operated by a local government and may adversely affect a public or private source of drinking water, the local media shall also be notified.	
<u>HB 1435</u>	Lucio III	Relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality.	Considered in public hearing with testimony in the House Natural Resources Committee. Bill left pending.		SB 2114



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<u>HB 1866</u>	Lucio III	Relating to certain reports created by the Texas Water Development Board	Returned to Local & Consent Calendars Committee (SB 669 signed by Governor.)	The TWDB shall make publicly available the most recent data relating to statewide water usage.	SB 669
<u>HB 1874</u>	Larson	Relating to the provision of technical assistance by the Texas Water Development Board to an interregional planning council.	Considered in public hearing with testimony in the House Natural Resources Committee. Reported favorably without amendments by the Committee. Considered in Calendars.	TWDB shall provide technical assistance to the interregional planning council.	SB 673
<u>HB 1904</u>	Harris	Relating to the use of the water infrastructure fund.	Signed by Governor (6/7/21). Effective on 9/1/21.	Financial assistance to Texas Water Development Fund II, created under this bill.	SB 531
<u>HB 1905</u>	Harris	Relating to relieving regional water planning groups of certain duties.	Signed by Governor (5/19/21). Effective on 9/1/21.	Strikes requirement by applicant to provide water infrastructure financing survey.	SB 1176



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<u>HB 1949</u> Duplicates: <u>HB 1956</u> <u>HB 2017</u> <u>HB 3246</u> <u>HB 4178</u>	Crockett	Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.	Referred to State Affairs Committee.		SB 306
<u>HB 2019</u>	Hefner	Relating to a study of the conversion of surface mine pits and quarries to water storage reservoirs in order to enhance this state's available water supply.	Referred to House Administration Committee. Considered in public hearing. Left pending in committee.		SB 699
<u>HB 2038</u>	Talarico	Relating to lead in drinking water at schools and child care facilities.	Referred to Natural Resources Committee.		
<u>HB 2103</u>	Bowers	Relating to the authority of certain water planning entities to hold an open or closed meeting by telephone or video call.	Considered in public hearing. Sent to Local & Consent Calendar. Senate received from House.	Telephone and Videoconference calls are still held to the requirements of public meetings.	SB 859
<u>HB 2148</u>	Stephenson/Reynolds/ Ramos	Relating to notification by the Dept. of State Health Services and the TCEQ of incidents of <i>Naegleria fowleri</i> .	Senate received from House. Considered in public hearing. Placed on Local & Uncontested Calendar. Removed from Local & Uncontested Calendar.		



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<u>HB 2225</u>	King, Tracy O., et. al.	Relating to the powers and duties of the Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the Texas Water Trust.	Signed by the Governor (6/15/21). Effective on 9/1/21.	Directs TPWD to encourage and facilitate water rights to the Trust and maximize environmental benefits.	
<u>HB 2275</u>	Zwiener	Relating to critical infrastructure resiliency and financing.	Passed in House. Sent to Senate. Added as amendment to SB 3, which was signed by Governor. But SB 3 did not create any Funds.	Creation of a Water Infrastructure Resiliency Fund. Offers funding for weatherizing and hardening water and wastewater systems. And creation of Critical Infrastructure Resiliency Fund for the electrical grid. Would be enabled by a constitutional amendment approved by voters.	HJR 103
<u>HB 2350</u>	Zwiener	Relating to financial assistance provided to political subdivisions by the Texas Water Development Board for nature-based water quality enhancement projects.	Passed in House. Sent to Senate. Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committee.	State revolving funds may be used to provide financial assistance under a new Water Resource Restoration Program.	SB 1746



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<u>HB 2368</u>	Morales Shaw	Relating to the participation by local governments in water quality control measures.	Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. Considered in public hearing. Left pending in committee.		
<u>HB 2426</u>	Murr	Relating to water quality protection areas.	Referred to the House Natural Resources Committee. Considered in public hearing. Left pending in committee.		
<u>HB 2564</u>	Crockett	Relating to mailed notice of the intent to obtain certain environmental permits	Referred to Environmental Regulation Committee.	Amends the Water Code by requiring applicants to mail notice of intent to obtain a permit to the owner of each residence located within one mile of the facility or proposed facility.	



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<u>HB 2619</u>	Wilson	Relating to the creation and administration of the On-The- Ground Conservation Program by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board	Considered in public hearing. Companion considered in lieu of (SB 1118). Laid on the table subject to call. (SB 1118 signed by Governor.)		SB 1118
<u>HB 2905</u>	Morrison	Relating to public-private partnerships to design, develop, finance, construct, and receive financial assistance for certain water-related projects.	Referred to Natural Resources Committee. Considered in public hearing. Left pending in committee.	Amends Water Code to allow a person that receives money from the fund to enter into an agreement with a private entity on project.	
<u>HB 2990</u>	Morales Shaw/Bowers/Reynolds	Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.	Referred to Natural Resources Committee. Considered in public hearing. Sent to Senate. Referred to Natural Resources & Economic Development Committee.	Amends Water Code by requiring the applicant to post a copy of the application online and provide the website address to TCEQ.	



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<u>HB 3096</u>	Burrows	Relating to the creation and activities of the Texas Produced Water Consortium.	Referred to Natural Resources Committee. (Companion bill was signed by Governor.)	The consortium is created to bring together information resources to study the economics of and technology related to beneficial uses of produced water. Produce a report by September 2022.	SB 601
<u>HB 3689</u>	Cortez	Relating to the appeal of rates charged for water or sewer service by certain retail public utilities.	Signed by the Governor (6/4/21). Effective on 9/1/21.	Limits the Public Utility Commission's jurisdiction to only the specific rate that has been appealed. The purpose is to clarify a 2017 decision by the Public Utility Commission regarding an appeal of rates by the Town of Woodloch.	SB 1022
<u>HB 4146</u>	King, Tracy O.	Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain stream segments or assessment units.	Referred to the House Environmental Regulation Committee. Passed House and sent to Senate.		SB 1747



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<u>SB 3</u>	Schwertner	Relating to preparing for, preventing, and responding to weather emergencies and power outages; increasing the amount of administrative and civil penalties.	Signed by the Governor (6/8/21). Effective immediately.	Would have provided funding for weatherization projects in a number of areas, including water and wastewater infrastructure, but assistance was dropped in the final version.	
<u>SB 152</u>	Perry	Relating to the regulation of groundwater conservation districts (legal fees, petitioning for rule-making, etc.).	Passed House with amendments. Sent to Senate. Senate refuses to concur. Senate appoints conferees.		НВ 666
<u>SB 306</u>	Eckhardt	Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state agencies.	Introduced and left pending in the Senate Natural Resources and Economic Development Committee.		HB 1949; HB 1956; HB 2017; HB 3246; HB 4178
<u>SB 582</u>	Lucio	Relating to the sale of a water or sewer utility system by a municipality without an election.	Senate referred to Local Government.		
<u>SB 600</u>	Perry/Zaffirini	Relating to an inventory of dams controlled by river authorities.	Signed by the Governor (6/14/21). Effective on 9/1/21.		



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<u>SB 601</u>	Perry	Relating to the creation and activities of the Texas Produced Water Consortium.	Signed by the Governor (6/18/21). Effective immediately.	The Texas Produced Water Consortium, to be located at Texas Tech University, will study how produced water from oil and gas fracking can be used.	HB 3096
<u>SB 669</u>	Springer	Relating to certain reports created by the Texas Water Development Board.	Signed by the Governor (5/15/21). Effective on 9/1/21.	Amends the Water Code by requiring TWDB is to make publicly available the most recent data relating to statewide water usage in the residential, industrial, agricultural, commercial, and institutional sectors.	HB 1866
<u>SB 888</u>	Eckhardt	Relating to the use of green infrastructure in new state buildings.	Referred to Business & Commerce Committee.		



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<u>SB 905</u>	Perry/Springer	Relating to guidance on regulations applicable to the potable reuse of wastewater.	Signed by the Governor (6/4/21). Effective on 9/1/21.	Requires TCEQ to develop and make available to the public a regulatory guidance manual to explain rules that apply to direct potable reuse.	HB 4161
<u>SB 995</u>	Gutierrez	Relating to the establishment of the disaster reinvestment and infrastructure planning board and the creation of the disaster reinvestment and infrastructure planning revolving fund; making an appropriation.	Referred to Finance Committee.	Texas Water Development Board to provide administrative support.	
<u>SB 997</u>	Nichols	Relating to procedural requirements for the review of a contractual rate charged for the furnishing of raw or treated water or water or sewer service.	Signed by the Governor (6/4/21). Effective 9/1/21.		
<u>SB 1039</u>	Eckhardt	Relating to establishing an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction.	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committee.	Report due by December 2022. Board is abolished and act expires in January 2023.	



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<u>SB 1118</u>	Johnson	Relating to the creation and administration of the On-The- Ground Conservation Program by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB).	Signed by the Governor (5/24/21). Effective 9/1/21.	Allows TSSWCB to pursue outside funding sources and assistance for priority conservation measures.	
<u>SB 1682</u>	Hancock	Relating to the funding of utility reliability projects by the TWDB and other entities; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds, granting rulemaking authority, and making an appropriation.	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committee.	Would need to be enabled by constitutional amendment approved by voters.	SJR 62
<u>SB 2078</u>	Menendez	Relating to electricity supplied to certain water facilities.	Referred to Business & Commerce Committee.	Requires that water facilities be excluded from participation in rolling blackouts. Establishes a grant program for purchasing generators for backup power supply to provide water and for wastewater treatment plants.	



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<u>SB 2097</u>	Zaffirini	Relating to the regulation by the TCEQ of the discharge of preproduction plastic from point and nonpoint sources to ensure zero discharge or release of plastic into water or onto land in the state and to ensure the prompt cleanup of any discharged or released plastic.	Referred to Water, Agriculture, & Rural Affairs Committee.		