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H.B. No. 2133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the public policy for the use of innovative and
3 alternative water treatment technologies for water development
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 1.003, Water Code, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1.003. PUBLIC POLICY. It is the public policy of the
9 state to provide for the conservation and development of the
10 state's natural resources, including:

11 (1) the control, storage, preservation, and
12 distribution of the state's storm and floodwaters and the waters of
13 its rivers and streams for irrigation, power, and other useful
14 purposes;

15 (2) the reclamation and irrigation of the state's
16 arid, semiarid, and other land needing irrigation;

17 (3) the reclamation and drainage of the state's
18 overflowed land and other land needing drainage;

19 (4) the conservation and development of its forest,
20 water, and hydroelectric power;

21 (5) the navigation of the state's inland and coastal
22 waters;

23 (6) the maintenance of a proper ecological environment
24 of the bays and estuaries of Texas and the health of related living

1 marine resources;

2 (7) the voluntary stewardship of public and private
3 lands to benefit waters of the state; ~~and~~

4 (8) the promotion of rainwater harvesting for potable
5 and nonpotable purposes at public and private facilities in this
6 state, including residential, commercial, and industrial
7 buildings; and

8 (9) the facilitation of the efficient and effective
9 use of innovative and alternative water treatment technologies
10 whenever possible to meet the natural resource needs of this state.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.