

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT DIRECTED TO A COMMITTEE

March 4, 2025

Madam Chair:

I propose to the HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE the following amendments to

HOUSE AGRICULTURE, ACEQUIAS AND WATER RESOURCES  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 311

1. On page 2, line 17, strike "regardless of the source and including wastewater" and insert in lieu thereof "other than fresh water," and on line 18, strike the comma and insert in lieu thereof "and".

2. On page 4, line 9, after "shall", strike the remainder of the line and strike lines 10 through 13 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof a colon and:

"(1) require a requester to:

(a) provide public notice of the submission of a request pursuant to this section and the intent to establish an authority; and

(b) provide for receipt of public comments on the notice for thirty days from the date the public notice is made;

(2) approve or deny a request within sixty days of the end of a public comment period provided for in this subsection; and

(3) not approve more than ten requests to create an authority before July 1, 2026."

3. On page 4, lines 23 and 24, strike "six" and insert in lieu thereof "ten" and strike "five" and insert in lieu thereof "nine".

4. On page 5, line 15, strike "and".

5. On page 5, line 18, strike the period and insert in lieu thereof "; and" and between lines 18 and 19, insert:

"(f) up to four at-large members who represent local government, tribal government, community water systems, acequias or community ditches, depending on the types of stakeholders available in the city or county in the authority's jurisdiction".

6. On page 5, line 19, strike "three" and insert in lieu thereof "five voting".

7. On page 5, line 20, strike "three" and insert in lieu thereof "four voting".

8. On page 7, line 6, before the semicolon, insert "; provided, however, that the acquisition of property does not include acquisition of water rights".

9. On page 10, line 24, after the period, insert "An authority shall obtain a permit from the office of the state engineer if it will use municipal reclaimed water in a way that affects return flows."

10. On page 13, line 9, after "BY", insert "THE DEPARTMENT AND BY".

11. On page 13, between lines 14 and 15, insert:

"B. An authority shall comply with water quality standards set by the water quality control commission and with all department reporting requirements.

C. The department may revoke approval of an authority if

the authority fails to meet applicable water quality standards."

12. Reletter the succeeding subsection accordingly.

13. On page 13, line 21, after "water", strike the remainder of the line, strike line 22 and strike line 23 up to the period.

Respectfully submitted,

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