

Chapter 347

H.B. No. 1573

AN ACT

relating to personnel requirements for water loss auditors.

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

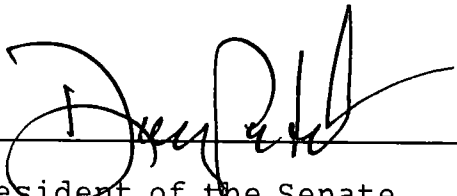
SECTION 1. Section 16.0121, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(i) The board by rule shall require the audits required by Subsections (b) and (b-1) to be completed by a person trained to conduct water loss auditing.

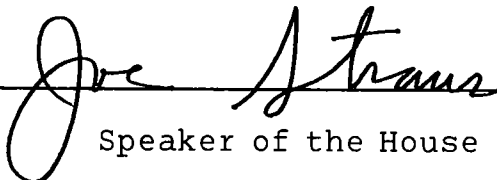
(j) The board shall make training on water loss auditing available without charge from the board's website. The board may provide training in person or by video or a functionally similar and widely available medium. Training provided under this subsection must include comprehensive knowledge of water utility systems and terminology and any tools available for analyzing audit results. In creating training materials, the board may consider other organizations' training programs.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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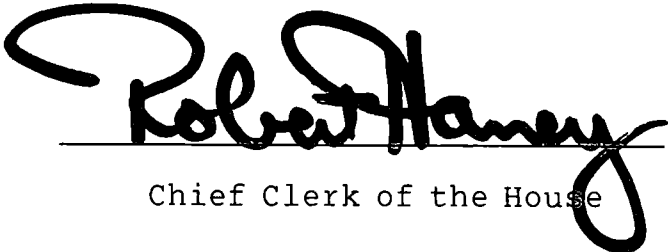


President of the Senate



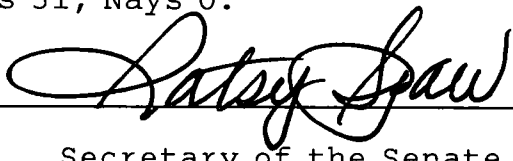
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1573 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1573 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



Secretary of the Senate


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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 10, 2017

TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1573 by Price (Relating to personnel requirements for water loss auditors.), As
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No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to require that water loss audits submitted by retail public utilities to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) be completed by a person trained to conduct such audits. The bill would require TWDB to make free training available on its website, and would allow the agency to provide training in various ways. Based on the analysis of TWDB, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

LBB Staff: UP, SZ, MW, PBO, PM

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 24, 2017

TO: Honorable Lyle Larson, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1573 by Price (relating to personnel requirements for water loss auditors.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 4, 2017

TO: Honorable Lyle Larson, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1573 by Price (Relating to personnel requirements for water loss auditors.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to require that water loss audits submitted by retail public utilities to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) be completed by a person trained to conduct such audits. The bill would require TWDB by rule to establish training standards for water loss auditors. This estimate assumes that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished with existing resources.

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