

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2334
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note a dissonance between the civil and criminal penalties under the Flood Control and Insurance Act in that the civil penalty covers a violation of the act or of a related rule or order whereas the criminal penalty only covers a violation of the act. H.B. 2334 seeks to address this issue to create consistency between the civil penalty and the criminal penalty for such violation.

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

H.B. 2334 amends the Water Code to expand the conduct that constitutes the Class C misdemeanor offense involving violating the Flood Control and Insurance Act to include violating a rule adopted or order issued under the act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.