

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 3618
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Natural Resources
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that certain statutes in the Water Code have become outdated, resulting in redundant and overlapping provisions. C.S.H.B. 3618 seeks to address this issue by repealing certain provisions relating to the timing of the expiration of water quality permits.

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

C.S.H.B. 3618 repeals Section 26.0285, Water Code, which requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to require that all permits for the discharge of waste within a single watershed or within a region of a single watershed contain the same expiration date and to adopt and implement procedures for the simultaneous review and renewal of all those permits within a watershed or region of a watershed.

C.S.H.B. 3618 amends the Water Code to make a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 3618 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED	HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
SECTION 1. Section 26.0135(d), Water Code, is amended.	SECTION 1. Same as introduced version, except for the recitation.
SECTION 2. Sections 26.0285 and 26.0405, Water Code, are repealed.	SECTION 2. Section 26.0285, Water Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect
September 1, 2017.

SECTION 3. Same as introduced version.