

SUBJECT: Increasing per diem compensation for water board directors

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 6 ayes — Ritter, Corte, Frost, Laubenberg, D. Miller, Smithee
0 nays
5 absent — Callegari, Creighton, T. King, Lucio, Martinez Fischer

WITNESSES: For — *(Registered, but did not testify, Jim Conkwright, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No.1)*
Against — None

BACKGROUND: Water Code, sec. 49.060 entitles directors on the boards of water districts to receive compensation of up to \$150 per day for performing duties related to managing a water district. Directors are entitled to a maximum of \$7,200 per year in compensation.

DIGEST: CSHB 3695 would increase the maximum amount of compensation water board directors could receive from \$150 to \$200 per day and from \$7,200 to \$9,600 per year.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.