

SUBJECT: Reporting the use of federal money for flood projects

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 6 ayes — Larson, Metcalf, Harris, Lang, Price, Ramos

0 nays

5 absent — Dominguez, Farrar, T. King, Nevárez, Oliverson

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, March 20 — 31-0

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Dana Harris, Austin Chamber of Commerce; Aimee Bertrand, Harris County Commissioners Court; Cyrus Reed, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club; Wes Birdwell, Texas Floodplain Management Association; Karen Collins; Ann Compton; Bill Kelberlau; Ronda McCauley; Stephanie Swanson; Virginia Tippit)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jeff Walker, Texas Water Development Board; Nina Brodsky; Sandra Burchsted)

DIGEST: SB 563 would require any state agencies and public higher education institutions that used or dispersed federal funds for flood research, planning or mitigation projects to submit quarterly reports to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

The report would be required to include total federal funds received, funds used to date, and eligibility requirements for the funding. TWDB would be required to make a publicly accessible database of this information available on its website.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.