BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) does not have the authority to participate in environmental projects in Mexico. As proposed, S.B. 749 gives the commission the authority to participate in environmental projects in Mexico.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 5D, Water Code, by adding Section 5.127, as follows:

Sec. 5.127. ACTIONS IN MEXICO. Authorizes the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) to take and finance any action in Mexico, in cooperation with governmental authorities of Mexico, that in the opinion of the commission is necessary or convenient to accomplish a duty of the commission imposed by law and will yield benefits to the environment in this state.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.