

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, there is no centralized location for stakeholders and local entities to find information on federal funding available for flood control projects or mitigation. S.B. 563 requests state agencies and universities receiving or disbursing federal funds to provide information on those funds to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) quarterly. The information must include the total amount, the amount available, and information on how to apply.

The TWDB is required to post the information on their flood information website and to keep the information updated.

As proposed, S.B. 563 amends current law relating to the reporting of information about the use of federal money for flood research, planning, and mitigation projects.

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 Subtitle B, Title 10, Government Code, by adding Chapter 2061, as follows:

CHAPTER 2061. FLOOD RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND MITIGATION REPORTING

Sec. 2061.001. DEFINITIONS. Defines "state agency" for purposes of this chapter.

Sec. 2061.002. REPORT REQUIRED. (a) Requires a state agency that uses or disburses federal money for flood research, planning, or mitigation projects to submit a quarterly report to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

(b) Requires the report to include the following information about federal money used or disbursed for flood research, planning, or mitigation projects:

- (1) the original total of federal money received;
- (2) the amount of the federal money spent or disbursed to date; and
- (3) the eligibility requirements for receiving the federal money.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Water Code, by adding Section 16.025, as follows:

Sec. 16.025. REPORTING OF FEDERAL MONEY USED FOR FLOOD RESEARCH, PLANNING, AND MITIGATION PROJECTS. Requires TWDB to maintain and make available on TWDB's Internet website a publicly accessible database of the information submitted under Section 2061.002, Government Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.