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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Environmental Preservation and Conservation (Simpson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Use of reclaimed water, stormwater, and excess surface water.—

(1) The Department of Environmental Protection, in coordination with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the five water management districts, shall conduct a comprehensive study and submit a report on the expansion of



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11 the beneficial use of reclaimed water, stormwater, and excess  
12 surface water in this state.

13 (2) The report must:

14 (a) Identify factors that prohibit or complicate the  
15 expansion of the beneficial use of reclaimed water, stormwater,  
16 and excess surface water and recommend how those factors can be  
17 mitigated or eliminated.

18 (b) Identify measures that would lead to the efficient use  
19 of reclaimed water.

20 (c) Identify the environmental, engineering, public health,  
21 public perception, and fiscal constraints of such an expansion,  
22 including utility rate structures for reclaimed water.

23 (d) Identify areas in the state where traditional water  
24 supply sources are limited and the use of reclaimed water,  
25 stormwater, or excess surface water for irrigation or other  
26 purposes is necessary.

27 (e) Recommend permit incentives, such as extending current  
28 authorizations for long-term consumptive use permits for all  
29 entities that substitute reclaimed water for traditional water  
30 sources that become unavailable or otherwise cost prohibitive.

31 (f) Determine the feasibility, benefit, and cost estimate  
32 of the infrastructure needed to construct regional storage  
33 features on public or private lands for reclaimed water,  
34 stormwater, and excess surface water, including the collection  
35 and delivery mechanisms for beneficial uses such as agricultural  
36 irrigation, power generation, public water supply, wetland  
37 restoration, groundwater recharge, and waterbody base flow  
38 augmentation.

39 (3) The departments shall:



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40       (a) Hold two public meetings, at a minimum, to gather input  
41 on the study.

42       (b) Provide an opportunity for the public to submit written  
43 comments before submitting the report.

44       (4) The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the  
45 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
46 Representatives no later than December 1, 2015.

47       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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50 And the title is amended as follows:

51       Delete everything before the enacting clause  
52 and insert:

53                               A bill to be entitled  
54       An act relating to reclaimed water; requiring the  
55       Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a  
56       study in coordination with the Department of  
57       Agriculture and Consumer Services and the water  
58       management districts on the expansion of the  
59       beneficial use of reclaimed water, stormwater, and  
60       excess surface water and to submit a report based upon  
61       such study; providing requirements for the report;  
62       requiring the departments to provide the public an  
63       opportunity for input and for public comment;  
64       requiring that the report be submitted to the Governor  
65       and the Legislature by a specified date; providing an  
66       effective date.