

SUPPORT CHAIRMAN DARBY & CHAIRMAN PERRY



HB 49

Provides essential reforms to advance beneficial use of produced water, which is a resource that can help bridge the state's growing water gap.

WHY IS HB 49 NECESSARY?

- Builds on 2013 legislation that extends liability protection to entities involved in recycling and beneficial use of produced water.
- Encourages water resource management, reduces environmental impact and fosters technological advancement.
- Promotes infrastructure to convert produced water for beneficial uses.



CHALLENGE

Today, options for the use of produced water outside the oilfield are limited. New technologies provide opportunities to address the need for more water across the state. However, current Texas law limits the potential for expanded water source development.



OPPORTUNITY

HB 49 can enable technological advancements to use produced water in a beneficial way.

Industry produces 25 million barrels of produced water statewide every day. This treated water could help meet Texas's daily domestic needs.



SOLUTION

HB 49 provides the liability protection necessary to enable investment in infrastructure and processes that convert produced water to beneficial use.

A sound regulatory structure and liability protections, provided by HB 49, encourages the treatment of produced water for beneficial reuse to support the state's growing water needs.

