

SENATE BILL NO. _____ HOUSE BILL NO.. _____

1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.38:2, relating to
2 establishing the State Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee.

3 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

4 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 62.1-44.38:2 as follows:**

5 § 62.1-44.38:2. State Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee established.

6 A. The State Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee (the "Committee") is hereby established as
7 an advisory committee to assist the Department of Environmental Quality in developing and
8 implementing the state water resources plan. The Committee shall be appointed by the Director of the
9 Department of Environmental Quality and shall be composed of nonlegislative citizen members
10 representing industrial and municipal water users; public and private water providers; agricultural,
11 conservation, and environmental organizations; state and federal agencies; and university faculty with
12 expertise in water resources-related issues. The Committee shall meet at least twice each calendar year.

13 Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service and shall not be
14 entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

15 B. The Committee shall examine: (i) procedures for incorporating local and regional water
16 supply plans into the state water resources plan and minimizing potential conflicts among various
17 submitted plans; (ii) the development of methodologies for calculating actual and anticipated future
18 water demand; (iii) the funding necessary to ensure that the needed technical data for development of a
19 statewide planning process is available; (iv) the effectiveness of the planning process in encouraging the
20 aggregation of users into common planning areas based on watershed or geographic boundaries; (v) the
21 impact of consumptive use and reuse on water resources; (vi) opportunities for use of alternative water
22 sources, including water reuse and rainwater harvesting; (vii) environmental flows necessary for the
23 protection of instream beneficial use of water for fish and wildlife habitat; and (viii) other policies and
24 procedures that the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality determines may enhance the
25 effectiveness of water supply and water resources planning in Virginia.

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SUMMARY

Water Supply Plan Advisory Committee. Establishes the State Water Resources Plan Advisory Committee to assist the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in the development and implementation of the state water resources plan. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality is to appoint the members of the Committee who will be representatives of various stakeholder groups, including water users, water providers, agricultural, conservation, and environmental organizations, state and federal agencies, and university faculty.