

**HB 4113**

**Relating to the Task Force on Drought Emergency**

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On February 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Natural Resources Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4113, with amendments.

The bill establishes an 11 to 15 member task force on drought emergency response, requiring a report to the appropriate legislative committees by November 1, 2016 that includes recommendations for improving communication to raise awareness of drought conditions and efforts to mitigate and adapt to drought conditions. The task force sunsets at the end of 2016. The amendment provides a \$25,000 General Fund appropriation to the Water Resources Department for the payment of the actual and necessary travel and other expenses of the task force and to defer the cost of additions staff support to the task force.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 4113 be amended by the -A2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.