

HB 2241 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Task Force on Drought Emergency Response to submit report regarding water conservation issues with recommendations for legislation to interim legislative committee on natural resources and provide copy for Water Resources Commission. Extends retroactively sunset on Task Force from December 31, 2016 to December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4113 (2016) established the Task Force on Drought Emergency Response to review and make recommendations on the tools and information needed to prepare for and respond to drought. The Task Force was asked to: evaluate existing drought response tools and make recommendations to improve drought response; identify options to minimize the impact of drought on agriculture, municipalities, fish and wildlife, and other interests; identify data and resources needed to anticipate and understand drought impacts; and recommend improvements to information sharing during drought. The report of the Task Force was due November 1, 2016 and the Task Force closed on December 31, 2016.

House Bill 2241 would retroactively extend the sunset of the Task Force on Drought Emergency Response to December 31, 2018.