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To whom it may concern,

I urge you not to move forward, out of committee, HB2854.

It would create another layer of bureaucracy to look at information that is currently available from existing water providers. It would require the expenditure of funds from the Water Resources Board to facilitate and support the Task Force. Presumably requiring increased appropriations for the agency. It could ultimately result in legislative regulations that would create yet another financial burden on industry, and specifically the farmers and ranches of the state.

All of this without any specified rational as to way such a study is needed or what the potential benefits would be for the citizens of the state.

Our mission should be to make it easier to do business in this state, not to put barriers in the way of those trying to provide a reasonable work environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this issue.

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