

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5043

Water Resources Department

HB 5043 is the budget bill for Water Resources Department.

The recommended total funds budget of \$101,944,355 for the Water Resources Department is a \$4,238,904 (or 4%) decrease from the legislatively approved budget for the 2017-19 biennium and a \$13,595,109 (or 15.4%) increase from the current service level. \$11 million of the increase from current service level is due to carrying-forward expenditure limitation for bond proceeds that were anticipated to be expended in the 2017-19 biennium but were not.

The budget continues support for place-based integrated water resources planning, makes permanent a position participating in shared payroll services that serves six agencies, and provides funding for a second basin groundwater study team.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 5043 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.