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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2803

Co Chairs Helms, Owens, and members of the Committee
I strongly oppose this bill.

I understand the reasoning behind this bill, however, due to the department and the Commission essentially shutting off new water rights last year, and now potentially shutting down transfers this session, this is unfortunately what will happen. They will lose funds because of no new rights and fees associated with that.

THIS IS NOT THE EXISTING WATER RIGHT USERS FAULT!

To raise fees exponentially on them is borderline robbery. I do not have water rights, and therefore I do not have any skin in the game, however, after all of the water right transactions are done, they unfortunately need to do massive cutbacks in that side of the department OR change back the ruling to open back up water rights. Until then, this is the repercussions of shutting down water rights all together.

Thank you for your time and Consideration in **OPPOSING THIS BILL!**

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