

May 6, 2025

The Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair
The Honorable Juan Hinojosa, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Members Alvarado, Bettencourt, Campbell, Creighton, Flores, Hall,
Kolkhorst, Nichols, Paxton, Perry, Schwertner, West, and Zaffirini
Senate Committee on Finance

Re: House Joint Resolution 7, Proposing a Constitutional Amendment to Dedicate a Portion of the Revenue Derived from State Sales and Use Taxes to the Texas Water Fund.

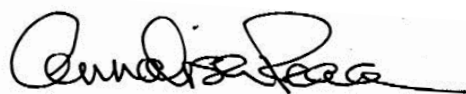
The [Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance](https://aquiferalliance.org) (GEAA) appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments on behalf of our sixty-two member groups that are allied in advocacy for the preservation of our ground and surface water resources in twenty-one counties within Central and South Texas. **We strongly support House Joint Resolution 7.**

Texas' water supplies and infrastructure face complex and pressing challenges and need a dedicated and recurring funding source to begin to address these challenges.¹ The Texas Water Development Board is already equipped with the tools necessary to address many of the issues facing our state's water supplies, but the TWDB has not been funded at levels sufficient to meet these needs. HJR 7 creates the dedicated funding needed to begin to address Texas' water challenges.

HJR 7 also provides the flexibility TWDB needs to address these challenges without strictly defining the manner in which funds may be proportioned. The challenges facing Texas' water supply are multi-faceted, diverse, and subject to change based on changes in population demand, economic conditions, or weather or climate impacts; flexibility will be key to ensuring the challenges are appropriately met.

Texas' needs are immense, and as such, we very likely will be supportive of whichever version of the water bill and joint resolution emerges from the legislative process this session. We would prefer, however, to see the version of CSSB 7 as it was laid out in the House Natural Resources Committee Hearing on April 24th and would prefer to see HJR 7 be the final resolution sent to the voters in the fall.² These versions provide the updates to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund and Texas Water Fund necessary to best meet Texans' needs. We applaud Senator Perry and Representative Harris for their great efforts to advance solutions to Texas' water crisis. **We encourage you to support HJR 7.**

Thank you for your consideration. Please consider GEAA as a resource that is at your disposal. We look forward to working with you on this issue.



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¹ <https://aquiferalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/The-Widening-Water-Gaps-of-Texas-4.23.25-1.pdf>

² <https://aquiferalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/GEAA-SB-7-Written-Testimony-HNR-4.24.25.pdf>

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