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California Water Financing Reform Act Proposed Legislation By Senator Lois Wolk

Policy Summary

Based on the California Transportation Commission model, this legislation would task the California Water Commission with developing a master plan for water, identifying appropriate funding mechanism for the plan, and ultimately, managing and allocating funding made available from various potential sources.

Background and Analysis

California's water management has been hampered by lack of funding, lack of transparency, and lack of prioritization. In the past few decades California has moved away from pay-as-you-go and beneficiary pays models, creating a perpetual need for general fund backed water bonds. The reliance on water bonds allows water funding to be allocated based on political needs rather than on what may be best for water resources in California.

In addition, science, monitoring and management needs associated with water management have been underfunded. These vitally important programs are not appropriately funded by water bonds, which must be spent solely on capitol projects.

The California Water Reform Act, based on recommendations from the Little Hoover Commission, the State Treasurer's Office and the State Auditor, would institute a new mechanism to develop a responsible plan for California water resources, identify appropriate funding mechanisms, and to provide funding for those priorities in a responsible, open and transparent manner.

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