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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4014 AS INTRODUCED 1-11-89

The bill would create the Water Resources Management Act to provide for the planning and management of the state's natural water resources. The bill would specify actions to be taken by the Department of Natural Resources in order to ensure a comprehensive water resources management program for the state. In addition, the bill would require the department to update the state water plan at least every five years with the first update being completed by September 30, 1992. The department would also be required to designate a water resources administrator to administer the department's responsibilities under the bill.

The bill would create the interdepartmental water resources committee within the department. The committee would meet at least quarterly to advise the department on issues relevant to water resources planning at the state level. The committee would consist of the directors of the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture, Public Health, Commerce and Transportation, or their representatives. The attorney general would be a member of the committee, and the water resources administrator would be included as chair of the committee.

Under the bill, the Commission of Natural Resources would appoint a public water resources advisory committee to provide a public forum for the dissemination of information and for the involvement of the public in water resources management in the state. The committee would advise the Department of Natural Resources and the commission on matters related to water resources management in the state and prepare an annual report to the commission on the status of water resources planning in the state. The committee would include one representative from each of the following: regional planning agencies; watershed councils; soil conservation districts; cooperative extension service; drain commissioners; local units of government; public and private interest groups; universities; state departments; and other appropriate individuals.

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