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appropriation; stormwater recharge mapping; sites

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HOUSE BILL 2053

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of water resources;
3 stormwater recharge mapping; definition

4 A. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
5 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of water resources for updated
6 stormwater recharge mapping.

7 B. Within one year after the effective date of this section, the
8 department of water resources shall create an updated map of potential
9 stormwater recharge sites in this state that would not, if developed, and
10 in the director's sole discretion pursuant to title 45, chapter 1, article
11 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, appropriate appropriable or appropriated
12 surface water or conflict with vested rights under title 45, chapter 1,
13 article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes.

14 C. The updated stormwater recharge map shall identify the location
15 of potential stormwater recharge sites in this state that meet all of the
16 following criteria:

17 1. Are located on any lands in this state, including public and
18 private lands.

19 2. Have optimum soil conditions for stormwater infiltration and
20 groundwater recharge. The director shall coordinate with the state
21 natural resource conservation board established by section 41-6011,
22 Arizona Revised Statutes, for the purposes of identifying the locations
23 with ideal soil conditions for stormwater infiltration.

24 3. Would not, if developed, and in the director's sole discretion
25 pursuant to title 45, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes,
26 appropriate appropriable or appropriated surface water or conflict with
27 vested rights, under title 45, chapter 1, article 5, Arizona Revised
28 Statutes.

29 D. For the purposes of this section, "stormwater" means
30 unappropriated rainwater runoff that does not enter a stream or natural
31 channel or that is otherwise lost to evaporation.