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AN ACT

REQUIRING A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF POTENTIAL BRACKISH GROUNDWATER
DESALINATION PROJECT SITES; APPROPRIATING MONIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Department of water resources; feasibility study;
3 brackish groundwater desalination project sites;
4 appropriation

5 A. The department of water resources shall conduct a feasibility
6 study of potential brackish groundwater desalination project sites in
7 Ranegras Plain, Willcox, the Hualapai valley and the Little Colorado River
8 plateau.

9 B. The department of water resources shall consult with the state
10 land department and local officials, property owners and political
11 subdivisions located in or around each area listed in subsection A of this
12 section to identify the following for each area:

13 1. The most probable and cost-effective potential sites to
14 construct and operate a brackish groundwater recovery and treatment
15 facility, including the most cost-effective potential points of withdrawal
16 and accounting for factors such as land ownership, legal access, depth to
17 water and hydrology.

18 2. The potential size, scope and cost of construction and operation
19 of a brackish groundwater recovery and treatment facility, including
20 identification of the most probable and cost-effective water treatment
21 method.

22 3. The most probable, cost-effective and environmentally feasible
23 use and plan for brine disposal, including the method and location of
24 brine disposal.

25 4. The potential volume of potable water that a brackish
26 groundwater recovery and treatment facility in the area could create and
27 the identification of the most probable end user, including the expected
28 cost and method of transportation to the most probable end user.

29 C. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
30 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of water resources for the
31 study required by subsection A of this section.