

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2813

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND  
WATER

March 6

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 8 through 21 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 2. (1) There is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from**  
3 **the General Fund, the Groundwater Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Match**  
4 **Fund. Interest earned by the Groundwater Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**  
5 **Match Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

6 **“(2)(a) All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Water Resources**  
7 **Department to provide the state contribution for water users who cancel ground water**  
8 **rights as part of enrollment in the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (16**  
9 **U.S.C. 3831a).**

10 **“(b) This subsection applies only to water users in areas in which the department is not**  
11 **allowing new rights to use ground water for irrigation.**

12 **“(3) The fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, including moneys appro-**  
13 **riated or transferred to the fund by the Legislative Assembly.**

14 **“SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**  
15 **riated to the Water Resources Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of**  
16 **the General Fund, the amount of \$500,000, for deposit in the Groundwater Conservation Re-**  
17 **serve Enhancement Program Match Fund established under section 2 of this 2025 Act for the**  
18 **purpose of providing the state contribution for water users who cancel ground water rights**  
19 **as part of enrollment in the Harney Valley Groundwater Conservation Reserve Enhancement**  
20 **Program.”.**

21 On page 2, line 3, delete “Harney” and insert “Groundwater”.  
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