

Requested by Representative OWENS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2813**

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, sepa-**
3 **rate and distinct from the General Fund, the Groundwater Conserva-**
4 **tion Reserve Enhancement Program Match Fund. Interest earned by**
5 **the Groundwater Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Match**
6 **Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

7 **“(2)(a) All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the**
8 **Water Resources Department to provide the state contribution for**
9 **water users who cancel ground water rights as part of enrollment in**
10 **the federal Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (16 U.S.C.**
11 **3831a).**

12 **“(b) This subsection applies only to water users in areas in which**
13 **the department is not allowing new rights to use ground water for ir-**
14 **rigation.**

15 **“(3) The fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, in-**
16 **cluding moneys appropriated or transferred to the fund by the Legis-**
17 **lative Assembly.**

18 **“SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
19 **ation, there is appropriated to the Water Resources Department, for**
20 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the**
21 **amount of \$500,000, for deposit in the Groundwater Conservation Re-**

1 **serve Enhancement Program Match Fund established under section 2**
2 **of this 2025 Act for the purpose of providing the state contribution for**
3 **water users who cancel ground water rights as part of enrollment in**
4 **the Harney Valley Groundwater Conservation Reserve Enhancement**
5 **Program.”.**

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

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