

Senate Resolution 396

By: Senator Ragan of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Agricultural Water Conservation Incentive Program Study Committee;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the wise use of water and the conservation of this vital natural resource is
4 essential to the economic well-being of this state and its citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, agriculture depends on an ample supply of water; and

6 WHEREAS, a program to provide incentives to agricultural producers to foster water
7 conservation and enhance water quality should be carefully examined; and

8 WHEREAS, funding to assist practices including, but not limited to, diversions, filter strips,
9 fencing along streams, field borders, alternative watering systems, critical area plantings,
10 grassed waterways, terraces, surface-water retention structures, closures of lagoons, riparian
11 buffers, animal waste systems, manure stack houses, and other waste holding systems should
12 be carefully studied.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that there is created the Senate
14 Agricultural Water Conservation Incentive Program Study Committee to be composed of the
15 chairperson of the Agriculture Committee and the chairperson of the Natural Resources
16 Committee of the Senate and one additional member who is actively engaged in agriculture
17 to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall designate
18 a member of the committee as chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all
19 meetings of the committee.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
21 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
22 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may
23 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or

1 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
2 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
3 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
4 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
5 authorized by the President of the Senate. The funds necessary to carry out the provisions
6 of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the Senate. In the event the
7 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
8 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 31, 2001. The
9 committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2001.