

House Resolution 568

By: Representatives Ray of the 128th, Floyd of the 138th, Hanner of the 159th, Royal of the 164th and Purcell of the 147th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
14 there is created the House Agricultural Water Conservation Incentive Program Study
15 Committee to be composed of the chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture and
16 Consumer Affairs and the chairperson of the Committee on Natural Resources and
17 Environment of the House of Representatives and one additional member who is actively
18 engaged in agriculture to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The
19 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the committee as
20 chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
22 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any actions
23 or legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may

1 conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
2 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
3 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution. The members of the committee
4 shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of interim legislative
5 committees but shall receive the same for not more than five days unless additional days are
6 authorized by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The funds necessary to carry out
7 the provisions of this resolution shall come from the funds appropriated to the House of
8 Representatives. In the event the committee makes a report of its findings and
9 recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be
10 made on or before December 31, 2001. The committee shall stand abolished on December
11 31, 2001.