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Senator Adam Hinojosa Celebrates Passage of First Bill SCR 13
Urges Federal Action to Ensure Mexico's Compliance with the 1944 Water Treaty

Austin, TX — Senator Adam Hinojosa, representing Senate District 27, announced the successful passage of his first legislative measure, Senate Concurrent Resolution 13 (SCR 13), out of the Texas Senate. SCR 13 urges the U.S. Department of State and the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) to take immediate diplomatic action to ensure Mexico fulfills its obligations under the critical 1944 US-Mexico Water Treaty.

The treaty requires Mexico to deliver an average of 350,000 acre-feet of water annually to Texas over five-year cycles. However, Mexico has repeatedly delayed these deliveries, creating severe water shortages that threaten agricultural production and economic stability in the Rio Grande Valley (RGV). Currently, Mexico owes the U.S. more than 730,000 acre-feet of water for this cycle alone.

“The passage of SCR 13 sends a clear message that Texas will not tolerate prolonged delays or shortfalls in water deliveries,” Senator Hinojosa stated. “Waiting until the eleventh hour to release water means our farmers struggle unnecessarily for four out of every five years. Every drop matters, and we cannot afford to let our farms and communities suffer.”

Agriculture is a cornerstone of the RGV economy, generating nearly \$1 billion annually and supporting thousands of local jobs. Recent studies estimate potential economic losses exceeding \$993 million if irrigation water shortages continue. The region has already experienced significant impacts, including reduced crop production and the closure of critical businesses, such as Texas’ only sugar mill.

SCR 13 enjoys broad bipartisan support from senators across Texas who recognize the urgency and importance of this issue. Senator Hinojosa emphasized that timely compliance with treaty obligations is essential for sustaining Texas’ municipal, industrial, and agricultural sectors.

“This resolution is about safeguarding livelihoods and protecting our state’s economic future,” Senator Hinojosa added. “We urge our federal partners to prioritize this issue in diplomatic negotiations with Mexico.”

SCR 13 now advances to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

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