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Changes from SB51 Version K to CS SB51(RES) Version R

1. Page 1, line 11: Deletes “and this section”

This is a “clean-up” change recommended by Legislative Legal to delete unnecessary language.

2. Page 1, line 12: Replaces old subsection (b) with new subsection (b)

This change was in response to concern that the old subsection (b) may have diluted the sponsor’s intent that the Legislature have the final decision of whether or not to designate an Outstanding National Resource Water.

The old subsection (b) required the departments of Environmental Conservation, Natural Resources, and Fish & Game to unanimously agree on a nomination prior to forwarding it to the Legislature. However, a decision by the departments to not forward a nomination could be construed as precluding a decision by the Legislature.

The new subsection (b) requires that *all* nominations be forwarded—not just those recommended by the departments—in an annual report to the Legislature. It further states that the annual report does not constitute an appealable final agency decision.