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1 HOUSE BILL NO. 874
 2 INTRODUCED BY Roth Manly Curtis McLane Conroy
 3 Galt Wright

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A WATER
 5 RESOURCES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
 6 COMMITTEE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION
 7 DATE."

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 20 expenses as provided in 5-2-302.

21 Section 2. Function of the committee. (1) The water
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 24 responsibility of developing and managing the state's water
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 14 previous interim's water resources and adjudication
 15 oversight committee of overseeing the implementation of the
 16 water rights adjudication system provided for in Title 85,
 17 chapter 2.

18 Section 3. Committee assistance. The committee may
 19 arrange with the legislative council to receive support
 20 services subject to the limitations of funds available for
 21 that purpose.

22 Section 4. Appropriation. There is reappropriated to
 23 the legislative council for the biennium ending June 30,
 24 1983, for the purpose of supporting the activities of the
 25 water resources oversight committee the balance of the

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1 \$30,000 appropriated to the legislative council for the
2 purpose of supporting the activities of the previous
3 interim's water resources and adjudication oversight
4 committee from the renewable resource development clearance
5 fund account.

6 Section 5. Effective and expiration date. This act is
7 effective on July 1, 1981, and expires June 30, 1983.

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Approved by Comm.
on Appropriations

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2 for the biennium ending June 30, 1983, for the purpose of
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