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TO: Honorable Bill Ratliff, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB649 by Keffer, Jim (Relating to creating an interagency work group on rural issues.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill adds twelve agency representatives and any other agency interested in rural issues to the current twelve to discuss rural issues. It also requires that each representative provide information showing the impact each agency has on rural communities for use in developing rural policy and compiling an annual report. The provisions of the bill also creates an interagency workgroup allowing agencies to work together on rural community issues at the call of the Executive Director of the Office of Rural Community Affairs.

The bill requires the agency representatives to meet in Austin, Texas at least once each year, some agencies outside of the Austin area would incur additional travel costs but it is not anticipated to be significant.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 354 Texas Aerospace Commission, 357 Office of Rural Community Affairs, 367 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 808 Historical Commission

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