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TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1365 by Bonnen (Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would increase the number of projects eligible for Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) program funding and increase the Commission on Environmental Quality's flexibility in setting guidelines and criteria for project selection. Passage of the bill could result in an increase in the number of Texas Emissions Reduction Plan grant project applications reviewed by the Commission, but the increase is not expected to result in significant cost increases to the agency. No other state agencies are expected to experience significant fiscal impacts as a result of the bill's passage.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implications are anticipated for units of local government.

Some of the changes will allow easier cooperation between the Texas Emissions Reduction Program and incentives provided at the local government level. Local governments could also benefit from a more effective program as recipients of grant funds.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller Of Public Accounts, 369 Council On Environmental Technology, 473 Public Utility Commission Of Texas, 582 Commission On Environmental Quality, 601 Department Of Transportation, 712 Texas Engineering Experiment Station

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