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TO: Honorable Jaime Capelo, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1708 by Taylor (Relating to the regulation of bottled and vended drinking water operators.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1708, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable (Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2004	\$19,140	(\$19,140)
2005	\$19,140	(\$19,140)
2006	\$19,140	(\$19,140)
2007	\$19,140	(\$19,140)
2008	\$19,140	(\$19,140)

Fiscal Analysis

This bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the regulation of bottled and vended drinking water operators. The bill would change the certificate of competency currently required of bottled and vended drinking water operators to a permit. The bill would authorize the Texas Department of Health to set a permit fee by rule in an amount reasonable and necessary to administer the provisions of this bill.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Methodology

According to the Texas Department of Health, the current cost of administering the bottled and vended drinking water operators license program is estimated at \$23,236. A total of 165 operators paid the current \$25 fee for a certificate of competency to generate a total of \$4,125 in fee revenue.

It is assumed, that 165 permits would be issued or renewed each year, TDH would have to set each permit fee at \$141 to cover the costs of administering the program. The total General Revenue generated for bottled and vended drinking water operators permits would be \$23,265 each year. The additional General Revenue generated by the \$116 permit fee increase would be the difference between \$23,265 and \$4,125 (\$19,140 per year).

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 501 Department of Health

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