

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1979** by Puente (Relating to preventing the discharge of untreated wastewater into waters of the state.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish criteria for evaluating sanitary sewer overflows caused by reasons other than rainfall events. It would also require the commission to develop and adopt model standards for grease management to be used by sanitary sewer system operators to address and prevent spills or unauthorized discharges that are caused by grease blockages in the collection system. Additional activities required by the agency are expecting to be absorbed within existing agency resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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