

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Infrastructure Development and Security

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

**IN RE: HB2006** by Jones, Elizabeth (Relating to the construction and maintenance of utility, common carrier, cable operator, and energy transporter facilities along, over, under, or across a railroad right-of-way.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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

This bill would give utilities, common carrier, cable operators, and energy transporters certain rights and responsibilities and provide a uniform process for those entities to obtain easements to maintain operate, and upgrade their preexisting facilities in railroad rights-of-way in this state consistent with preexisting licenses or agreements.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Local governments owning utilities or pipelines could experience savings in cases where such entities could cross over railroad rights-of-way in less costly locations.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation, 455 Railroad Commission, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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