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TO: Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1550 by Duncan (Relating to the use of site-specific information by a groundwater conservation district to develop its management plan.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 36.1071, Water Code, to require the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board to notify a groundwater conservation district upon review of its management plan if it contains unreliable information. The district would be required to consider the executive administrator's comments and would be allowed to amend the management plan accordingly. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

The Texas Water Development Board already reviews the management plan of groundwater conservation districts. The bill outlines more specifically the steps the executive administrator of the board would follow in conducting the review and responding to the management plan, as well as allow the district to submit an amended plan.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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