

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate  
Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB580** by Smith, Wayne (Relating to the authority of a county to provide hazardous materials services. ), **Conference Committee Report**

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

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to allow counties to provide hazardous materials services under certain circumstances in response to an incident involving hazardous materials that have been leaked, spilled, released, or abandoned on any property. The bill would also allow the county or a county's authorized agent to charge a reasonable fee to a concerned party for responding to a hazardous materials service call. Provisions of the bill would not apply to hazardous materials owned or possessed by a governmental entity.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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