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TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: HB1223 by Puente (Relating to performance standards for toilets sold in this state.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require that toilets sold, distributed, or imported into Texas would retain flush volumes after flapper replacement. The bill would provide a method of ensuring that toilet water efficiency was retained with a readily available flapper that would fit the toilet and seal the tank after flushing. Manufacturers or importers would have to submit test results from an independent laboratory to verify that maximum flow does not exceed 2.0 gallons if the water level in the tank is raised to the maximum allowable height of the overflow tube. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) would administer the provisions of the bill and adopt associated rules. Any costs to the TCEQ are expected be absorbed using existing agency staff and resources.

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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