

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**April 9, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Phil King, Chair, House Committee on Regulated Industries

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

**IN RE: HB1411** by Campbell (Relating to the provision of broadband services.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to develop a statewide broadband services deployment plan and establish a pilot project to develop and build a regional broadband network in a rural area. The bill would require the pilot project to end September 1, 2009.

The PUC indicates that there would be a cost associated with implementation of the bill. It is anticipated that this cost could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. It is assumed that a regional planning agency that chooses to participate in the broadband pilot project would apply for, contract for, receive and spend a gift, grant, or other money from a private source or from a participating local, state, or federal governmental unit to cover all costs of implementing the provisions of the bill.

**Source Agencies:** 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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