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

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

IN RE: HB2430 by Puente (Relating to the establishment of a rainwater harvesting evaluation committee and to standards for harvested rainwater.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Water Development Board to establish a rainwater harvesting evaluation committee to study the feasibility of using rainwater as a source of water supply. The proposed committee would be composed of representatives of four state agencies with the representative from the Water Development Board serving as the presiding officer of the proposed committee. The bill would require that the committee provide a report to the legislature by no later than December 1, 2006.

The bill would also require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to establish standards relating to the domestic use of harvested rainwater, including health and safety standards.

Any additional workload resulting from the bill, including research costs and publishing costs relating to the required report would be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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