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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: HB2651** by Krusee (Relating to the regulation of subsurface area drip dispersal systems by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish a permitting program for sub-surface area drip dispersal systems.

The TCEQ reports that it would require 3 additional FTEs and related costs of approximately \$163,000 per year to handle the additional permitting and enforcement responsibilities created by the bill. Although the would not be authorized to assess a fee to cover the cost of implementing the sub surface area drip dispersal systems permitting program, this estimate does not assume that the additional costs to the TCEQ would be significant to the Waste Permitting and Field Operations divisions' budgets.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 537 Department of State Health Services

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