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TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

IN RE: HB2651 by Krusee (Relating to the authority of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to regulate a sub-surface area drip dispersal system as a separate category of commercial, industrial, and municipal non-hazardous liquid waste disposal.), **As Introduced**

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| <p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p> |
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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 would be authorized to charge an application fee

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. The TCEQ reports that since the agency would be authorized to charge a maximum fee of \$2,000 for the application fee plus the costs of notices (approximately \$50), the bill would generate only \$102,000 in revenues in the first year of the program (fiscal year 2006) and only \$16,400 in future years. Although the revenue is therefore not anticipated to cover the cost of implementing the sub surface area drip dispersal systems permitting program, this estimate does not assume that additional costs to the TCEQ would be significant to the Waste Permitting Division and the Field Operations Divisions.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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