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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: HB2914 by Puente (Relating to requirements and permits for irrigation systems.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 401, Local Government Code, by adding a section requiring a municipality with a population of 5,000 or more to require, by ordinance, an installer of an irrigation system to obtain a permit before installing a system. The ordinance must include the standards set out in Section 1903.0535 and any rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The municipality may employ or contract with a licensed plumbing inspector or a registered irrigator to enforce the ordinance. Additionally, the bill would amend Chapter 1903, Occupations Code, by adding a section establishing minimum standards for new and existing irrigation systems. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

TCEQ reports that the provisions of the bill can be implemented using existing 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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