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TO: Honorable Mike Jackson, Chair, Senate Committee on S/C on Agriculture & Coastal Resources

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

IN RE: SB1102 by Jackson, Mike (Relating to the establishment of a program by the Department of Agriculture to make grants to farmers who provide agricultural biomass to facilities that convert biomass to energy.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires that the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) with the assistance of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Public Utility Commission, establish an Agricultural Biomass Incentive Program to provide grants to farmers who provide agricultural biomass to facilities that convert biomass to energy. However, according to TDA, few if any farmers will be eligible for this grant program and consequently there will be no significant fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 551 Department of Agriculture, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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