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TO: Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

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

IN RE: SB1382 by Shapiro (Relating to the reorganization of the Railroad Commission of Texas, including changing the name of the agency to the Texas Energy Commission and transferring powers and duties from and to the agency.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would change the name of the Railroad Commission to the Texas Energy Commission (TEC). The bill would transfer the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) from the Comptroller to the TEC. It would also transfer the rail safety program, currently at the Railroad Commission, to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). In addition, the bill would transfer authority over Class III in situ uranium mining wells from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to the TEC.

For the SECO transfer, 25 FTEs would transfer from the Comptroller of Public Accounts to the TEC, along with the following amounts in each fiscal year for administration of the SECO: \$522,200 in General Revenue; \$829,808 in Federal Funds; and \$559,662 out of the General Revenue-Dedicated Oil Overcharge Account No. 5005. In addition, \$71.6 million out of the Oil Overcharge Account No. 5005 would transfer to the TEC for SECO grants and loans.

For the rail safety transfer, 16.1 FTEs would transfer from the TEC (Railroad Commission), along with \$906,212 in General Revenue, to TxDOT.

No significant fiscal impact is expected as a result of transferring Class III in situ uranium mining well authority from TCEQ to TEC.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 455 Railroad Commission, 601 Department of Transportation

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