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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB1526 by Smith, Wayne (Relating to incentives for and the use of supplemental leak detection technologies for air contaminants.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to establish a program that would encourage owners and operators of point sources of air pollution to use innovative technologies, including optical gas imaging technology, designed to detect leaks and emissions of air contaminants. The bill would also provide that this program include certain limitations on enforcement if the facility is participating in a program using innovative technology. The bill also provides the TCEQ flexibility to ensure emissions are quantified in order to appropriately implement the leak detection program requirements. The bill is not expected to have significant fiscal implications to the Commission on Environmental Quality.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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