

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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

**IN RE: HB1699** by Hilderbran (Relating to the power of a groundwater conservation district to regulate the use of groundwater. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Water Code to authorize a groundwater conservation district before granting or denying a permit or permit amendment to consider whether the proposed use of water is wholly or partly to provide water to a pond, lake, or reservoir to enhance the appearance of the landscape. The bill would also authorize a district to require a well to be permitted by the district and to comply with all district rules if the withdrawals from a well exempted under Subsection (b)(1) of Section 36.117 are no longer used solely for domestic use or to provide water for livestock or poultry.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:**

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