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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: HB2482 by Cook, Robby (Relating to the requirements regarding persons who service or maintain on-site sewage disposal systems.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would provide that homeowners in counties with a population of 40,000 or less would not be eligible to repermit approval based on whether they have a maintenance contract for an on-site sewage disposal facility (OSSF). This would allow the homeowner the option of maintaining their own OSSF.

The bill would delete current provisions requiring homeowner maintenance training, the requirement for periodic inspection of an OSSF aerobic treatment system maintained by homeowners and allowing the agency to establish by rule the procedure and frequency for the inspections. In addition, the bill would delete the requirement that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) require homeowners to get a maintenance contract if a system is a nuisance or fails a periodic inspection, or is notified three times in a one year period that a system is malfunctioning. Further, the bill would delete the requirement that a person be certified by manufacturer to maintain a system under a maintenance contract and the requirement that the TCEQ or an authorized agent not dictate to a manufacturer who may maintain or train others to maintain systems.

The bill would allow the TCEQ to implement a program to register persons who service or maintain OSSFs for compensation.

The TCEQ does not expect implementation of the bill to result in any significant fiscal implications to the agency.

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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