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TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

IN RE: HB2482 by Cook, Robby (Relating to the requirements for certification to provide training to an owner of an on-site sewage disposal system using aerobic treatment in maintaining the system.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend requirements for certification to provide training to an owner of an on-site sewage disposal system using aerobic treatment in maintaining the system. The bill would add the requirement that a person must be certified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide training to the owner of an on-site sewage disposal system using aerobic treatment in maintenance of the system, and establish basic training, employment, and certification requirements. The agency would be required to accept applications for certification of trainers not later than March 1, 2008.

It is assumed that currently licensed individuals would provide the training to homeowners and that they would have to obtain training course approval from the TCEQ. Although the bill does not create a fee, it would be part of the on-site sewage disposal system program. Therefore, it is assumed that the TCEQ could collect necessary fees for the agency to administer the licensing, registration, and training approval programs and recover any costs relating to the program. It is assumed that the agency would charge a fee of \$150 for this approval, the fee would be in an amount necessary to cover the costs of course approval, and that the agency would contract the approval process out.

According to the TCEQ there are approximately 2,000 licensed individuals who could potentially apply for a training certification. Assuming one-half would apply, there would be initial, one-time training course application fee revenue of \$150,000. It is assumed this fee revenue would be spread over a two year period, and therefore would not be significant compared to the TCEQ's budget.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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