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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: HB2712 by Bonnen (Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to regulate emissions from residential water heaters.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) from adopting or enforcing a rule, determination, or order limiting emissions from residential water heaters to less than 40 nanograms of nitrogen oxides (NOx) per joule unless a lower limit is established by a federal statute or rule. The bill would also remove language directing the TCEQ to replace emissions reductions related to residential gas water heaters that are not adopted by the Commission with requirements that will obtain emission reductions from the same emission reductions category.

The bill's passage is not expected to result in any significant fiscal impact on the TCEQ.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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