

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB3017** by Puente (Relating to the certification of water treatment specialists.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would transfer water treatment specialist licensing requirements from Health and Safety Code, Subchapter G, Chapter 341, to Occupations Code, Subtitle A, Title 12, and be redesignated as Occupations Code, Chapter 1904. The responsibility to establish and operate a certification program for water treatment specialists would remain with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), and the TCEQ would still be mandated to charge an annual certification fee, not to exceed \$150, to pay the administrative costs of the program. The bill would specify that fee revenue from the program is to be deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund; currently, revenue from the annual certification fees is deposited into the General Revenue-Dedicated Occupational Licensing Account No. 468.

The TCEQ reports that fee revenue for the water treatment specialist certification program totals \$20,000 per fiscal year. Although the TCEQ's appropriations for these fees currently come from the General Revenue Dedicated Occupational Licensing Account No. 468, and the bill would change the account to which the fees are deposited, this estimate assumes that the change in method of finance is not significant in comparison to the agency's appropriations from the affected accounts.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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