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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: SB1037 by Duncan (Relating to the prevention of surface water or groundwater pollution from certain evaporation pits.), **As Introduced**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would create new statutory authority and responsibilities for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to regulate groundwater evaporation pits utilized to evaporate water and collect the residual salts and minerals. The agency estimates that 11 current operations in the state would fall under this new regulation. However, no significant cost is anticipated to implement the provisions of the bill. While the bill would authorize the agency to collect fees, this additional revenue is expected to be minimal.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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