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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: SB1282 by Van de Putte (Relating to the use of funds in the state municipal solid waste superfund to remediate certain emergency situations.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to use funds deposited into the General Revenue-Dedicated Waste Management Account No. 549 to respond to or remediate fires or other emergency situations at solid waste, recycling facilities, or composting facilities.

Costs for the agency to remediate fires and other emergency situations at solid waste disposal, recycling, or composting facilities could be significant; however, this estimate assumes that the TCEQ would not need additional appropriations for this purpose, and that existing funds would be allocated to projects on a priority basis depending on the severity of environmental threats.

Local Government Impact

Local governments could experience savings from the bill's passage if the TCEQ would cover costs associated with the fire that a local entity would otherwise be required to pay.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 580 Water Development Board

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