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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: SB1673 by Averitt (Relating to the renewal of certain air quality permits.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require preconstruction permits submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to be renewed if an amendment application, which requires public notice, is filed within 36 months of the scheduled permit renewal, which is required every 10 years after initial permit issuance. The bill also proposes to authorize the TCEQ, for cause, to establish a permit term for a preconstruction permit issued for an air pollution source that is not subject to permitting requirements of Title IV or V of the Federal Clean Air Act for a period not to exceed 10 years. The bill would provide flexibility to the TCEQ, which could result in greater efficiency. Any savings resulting from the bill, however, is not expected to be significant.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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