

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 13, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB284** by Anchia (relating to reporting of international shipments of electronic waste.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB284, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$431,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2010	(\$229,000)
2011	(\$202,000)
2012	(\$52,000)
2013	(\$51,000)
2014	(\$50,000)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>
2010	(\$229,000)
2011	(\$202,000)
2012	(\$52,000)
2013	(\$51,000)
2014	(\$50,000)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require businesses in the state of Texas that ship any sort of electronic equipment outside the United States (to non-European Union or non-Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries) for recycling, reuse, or disposal to report quarterly to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The TCEQ would be required to make the report available to the public through its website. The bill also specifies information in the report. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009, and the first reporting period would be required for the September 1 through December 31, 2009 time period and be due by January 15, 2010.

## **Methodology**

The TCEQ would be required to develop a system to report the volume type, and destination of electronic waste being exported outside the United States from Texas. This would require the development of a database. This estimate assumes that the database would be developed with assistance of the Department of Information Resources at a cost of \$300,000, with the cost spread over fiscal years 2010 and 2011. In addition, the TCEQ's data service center contract would be increased to accommodate the additional project, along with annual maintenance costs. This estimate assumes that the cost would come from the General Revenue Fund, since the bill does not specify a funding source or authorize fees to cover costs.

## **Technology**

The TCEQ's data service center contract and related capital budget project would have to be increased to accommodate the new database project required by the bill.

## **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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