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TO: Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

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

IN RE: HB499 by Orr (Relating to changing the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would change the name of the Railroad Commission of Texas to the Texas Energy Commission. The bill would provide for a transition period from the effective date of the act, September 1, 2009, to January 1, 2010, and it would requires the Railroad Commission to adopt a timetable for phasing in the change of the agency's name so as to minimize the fiscal impact of the name change.

Although the agency would incur costs in updating its website, reprinting forms and publications, changing signage, etc., this estimate assumes that such costs, estimated at approximately \$100,000 in fiscal year 2010 only, could be absorbed into the agency's current budget.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission

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