

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Burt R. Solomons, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB1463** by Kolkhorst (Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to order certain electric providers to provide power to other electric providers during a natural disaster or declared emergency.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

This bill would authorize the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to require an electric utility, municipally owned utility, electric cooperative, or retail electric provider to sell electricity and provide interconnection service to another electric utility, municipally owned utility, electric cooperative, or retail electric provider that loses power due to a natural disaster or other declared emergency.

Based on the analysis of the PUC, the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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