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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

IN RE: HB1866 by Solomons (Relating to distributed renewable generation of electric power.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 17.004 of the Utilities Code to entitle all buyers of retail electricity the opportunity to interconnect Distributed Renewable Generation (DRG) under conditions specified by the Public Utility Commission (PUC). The bill would establish PUC jurisdiction over electric cooperatives for the purposes of establishing conditions under which customers are authorized to interconnect DRG. The bill would require the PUC to adopt rules and to conduct oversight to implement various DRG provisions.

The PUC indicates it could absorb the costs associated with the bill within its current 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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