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TO: Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

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

IN RE: HB1959 by Isett (Relating to the governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.),
As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would extend the Sunset's review of the transfer of purchasing powers to the Comptroller of Public Accounts to be presented to the Eighty-third Legislature. In addition, the bill would move up the sunset date of the Texas Council of Purchasing from People with Disabilities to September 1, 2013. In addition, the Forest Service would be subject to the Sunset process, and a special purpose study of the Texas Education Agency would be required to assess the agency's compliance with mandates and requirements placed on it by the Legislature.

The bill would require a special purpose review of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), as part of the 2011 review of the Public Utility Commission, assessing ERCOT's governance, management, and operating structure, and compliance with certain duties and requirements.

The bill would be effective immediately upon a two-thirds vote of each house; otherwise the bill would be effective September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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