

**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: HB2851** by Farabee (Relating to the right of certain entities to intervene in enforcement actions regarding market power abuse.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would require the Public Utility Commission (PUC), upon finding that market power abuses or other violations are or may be occurring, to commence an appropriate enforcement proceeding with the goal of ending the market power abuse. The bill also would authorize certain interested parties in the enforcement proceedings to intervene. The bill would require the PUC to adopt rules to align existing rules with the bill's provisions.

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 fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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