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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: HB2915** by McReynolds (Relating to oil and gas operations in connection with certain state land.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would provide that oil and gas underlying land that is owned by the state, was acquired to construct or maintain a highway, road, street, or alley, is located in an oil and gas producing area, and is subject to an oil or gas lease may be pooled or unitized (available for lease); however, the bill does not authorize drilling or other operations on the surface of land during which the land is used by the state as a highway, road, street, or alley. The amount of revenue that the state might gain from the bill's passage would depend on the number of leases taken and the amount of production of a lease. The General Land Office, the agency that would presumably manage such leases, reports that the bill's passage would not have a significant fiscal impact to the state.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 455 Railroad Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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