

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

**IN RE: HB2922** by Farrar (Relating to a registration fee for manufacturers of certain equipment.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2922, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$130,000 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2010	\$65,000
2011	\$65,000
2012	\$65,000
2013	\$65,000
2014	\$65,000

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1</b>
2010	\$65,000
2011	\$65,000
2012	\$65,000
2013	\$65,000
2014	\$65,000

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to assess a \$5,000 annual registration fee on computer-equipment manufacturers in the state who account for more than 1 percent of the total market share.

**Methodology**

The TCEQ reports that there are currently 69 approved computer-equipment manufactures in the state. Of those 69, only an estimated 13 would meet the bill's 1 percent requirement and pay the \$5,000 annual registration fee, thereby yielding \$65,000 in additional annual revenue. The bill does not specify a specific account to which the revenue would be deposited; this estimate assumes all receipts would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

According to the TCEQ, because there are a limited number of fee payers that would be affected by the bill, the agency would be able to accomplish activities relating to fee collection through reallocation of existing staff and resources. Therefore, no significant cost to the state is expected as a result of the bill's passage.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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