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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: HB3145 by Gonzalez Toureilles (Relating to the goal for renewable energy capacity derived from renewable energy technologies other than sources using wind energy.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the target for renewable energy to be reached by 2025 and establish a goal of 10,000 MW by 2020. The bill would amend the goals of non-wind renewable energy and establish incremental goals. The bill would require the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules to enforce these amended goals by January 1, 2010. The bill would also establish more restrictive definitions of renewable biomass and renewable biomass-based waste products. Finally, the bill would remove restrictions on the pricing of alternative compliance payments.

The Public Utility Commission indicates that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing 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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