

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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

**IN RE: HB3541** by Lucio III (Relating to the colonia self-help program.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Water Code to: provide the Water Development Board (TWDB) the authority to determine the number of dwellings required in order to qualify for the Colonia Self-help Program; allow political subdivisions to qualify for funding under the Colonia Self-help Program; allow TWDB to make an advance of grant funds in certain circumstances; modify the requirements that must be met in order to qualify for the Colonia Self-help Program; and modify the requirements of what must be considered by TWDB in evaluating grant applications under the Colonia Self-help Program.

TWDB indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house; otherwise it would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 580 Water Development Board

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