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**TO:** Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Land & Resource Management

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

**IN RE: HB3552** by Bonnen (Relating to the evaluation of certain regional planning commissions.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3552, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>Other</i>
2010	\$389,400	(\$389,400)
2011	\$0	\$0
2012	\$0	\$0
2013	\$0	\$0
2014	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The Committee Substitute would require the State Auditor's Office (SAO) to conduct a financial-related compliance audit of a regional planning commission (Commission) created under Chapter 391, Local Government Code. The audit is to be completed prior to June 1, 2010. Additionally, the Committee Substitute requires the Commission to reimburse the SAO for the cost of the audit.

Methodology

It is assumed that this audit would be of the Houston-Galveston Council which is comprised of numerous local governments and would require 4,000 hours to complete. Based on the SAO's current billing rate of \$90 per hour, it is estimated that the cost of the audit to be \$389,400, inclusive of \$38,400 travel costs.

**Local Government Impact**

The Commission audited by the SAO would have to pay the cost of the audit.

**Source Agencies:** 308 State Auditor's Office

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