

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB3603** by Paxton (Relating to a study of fire flow service by water supply corporations in semi-urban areas.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to conduct a study of water supply corporations in semi-urban areas experiencing rapid growth to determine their capability of providing potable water for fire flow that is sufficient to support the placement of fire hydrants and the connection of the water system to fire suppression equipment. The study would also include a determination of the actions the water supply corporation would be required to take to supply adequate fire flow in semi-urban areas and the costs involved. The TCEQ would be required to submit a report to the Legislature providing the results of the study no later than December 1, 2010.

The TCEQ reports that the study required would likely cost approximately \$150,000. This estimate assumes that such costs could be absorbed using existing agency resources.

**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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