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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: HB4031 by McCall (Relating to the agricultural biomass and landfill diversion incentive program.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to modify the Agricultural Biomass and Landfill Diversion Incentive Program to include renewable biomass aggregators and bio-coal fuel producers who provide qualified agricultural biomass, forest wood waste, urban wood waste, co-firing biomass, or storm-generated biomass debris to facilities that use biomass to generate electric energy.

The Department of Agriculture, the Public Utility Commission, the Commission on Environmental Quality, and the Texas Forest Service indicate that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 551 Department of Agriculture, 576 Texas Forest Service, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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