

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB4345** by Chisum (Relating to relating to the creation of the Texas Center for Sustainable Business.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB4345, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$570,000) 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:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2010	(\$285,000)
2011	(\$285,000)
2012	(\$285,000)
2013	(\$285,000)
2014	(\$285,000)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2009</b>
2010	(\$285,000)	2.0
2011	(\$285,000)	2.0
2012	(\$285,000)	2.0
2013	(\$285,000)	2.0
2014	(\$285,000)	2.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

This bill would amend the Government Code and require the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) within the Fiscal Programs of the Comptroller of Public Accounts to establish and oversee the Center for Sustainable Business, which would assist Texas businesses in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

**Methodology**

The bill would provide that SECO hire an executive director of the Center for Sustainable Business, appoint the sustainable business advisory council, and contract with a private entity or an institution of higher education to assist in performing the duties of the Center for Sustainable Business. In order to implement the provisions of the bill, the Comptroller's office indicates that the administrative cost to

that agency would be \$285,000 per fiscal year in General Revenue in order to hire 2 FTEs and contract with a university.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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