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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: SB1405** by Shapleigh (Relating to the establishment of an advisory committee to assist the Texas Water Development Board in incorporating the potential effects of climate variability into the state water plan.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would create an advisory committee to assist the Water Development Board (TWDB) in incorporating the potential effects of climate variability into the 2012 State Water Plan. The committee would assess past and predicted variations in climate; assess the potential effects of climate variability; review case studies of major water providers that include quantitative sensitivity analyses for water demand and supply under a range of climate variation scenarios; review and analyze information regarding natural climate variability; assess existing global climate models; make recommendations for improving the collection of general information; and make recommendations for the use of innovative water technologies. The bill would require the advisory committee to submit its findings and recommendations not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year.

TWDB anticipates that any costs associated with this 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 fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 580 Water Development Board

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