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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: SB1406 by Shapleigh (Relating to the consideration of the effects of climate variability on water supplies in regional and state water plans.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1406, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$3,200,000) 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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$3,200,000)
2011	\$0
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2010	(\$3,200,000)
2011	\$0
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Water Code to require the Water Development Board (TWDB) to consider the effects of climate variability when developing the State Water Plan and require regional water planning groups to consider the effects of climate variability when developing regional water plans.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Methodology

The regional water planning groups will be developing the regional water plans in fiscal year 2010 in preparation for the next State Water Plan. TWDB indicates that each regional water planning group would need a grant of \$200,000 to study the effects of climate variability in their region in fiscal year

2010. Therefore, TWDB would need to provide a total of \$3,200,000 (\$200,000 X 16 regional water planning groups) in grants in fiscal year 2010 to study the effects of climate variability.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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