

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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

**IN RE: SB1485** by Watson (Relating to the sale of used, surplus, or salvage property and firefighting equipment by an emergency services district.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would add Subchapter I to Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code, to authorize an emergency services district to sell used firefighting equipment to a volunteer fire department in any district or to another district for fair market value if the equipment met the National Fire Protection Association Standards at the original time of purchase. A district would also be authorized to contract to supply surplus or salvage property to any volunteer fire department or district in Texas at fair market value. The district would be authorized to determine the fair market value.

**Local Government Impact**

The revenue gain from the sale of equipment would vary depending on how much equipment a district would sell and what the fair market value would be. The cost to a purchasing district would also vary depending on the same issues; however, it is assumed that the purchase of used equipment would result in an overall savings to the purchasing district.

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