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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: SB1846 by Hegar (Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and related entities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to allow any entity in violation of law within the TCEQ's jurisdiction to pay monetary civil or administrative penalties in periodic installments. This estimate assumes that the TCEQ would only offer an installment option in cases of economic hardship, and that these cases would only represent a small fraction of penalties assessed. Thus, although there may be a loss in revenue in the first two years after the bill's enactment as payments that would have otherwise been paid immediately are spread out over three years, this estimate does not assume that the revenue loss would be significant.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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