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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: HB773** by Anchia (Relating to creating an energy efficiency council to coordinate administration of energy efficiency programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would create an energy efficiency council composed of 15 members as identified in the bill. The bill would require the council to meet at least twice each year and would authorize council members to receive reimbursements for expenses incurred while performing council business, subject to availability of funding. The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) would provide the council with administrative support, including meeting space and staff necessary to assist the council in carrying out its duties. The bill would authorize the council to solicit gifts, grants and donations. The bill would require the website of SECO and the electric choice website of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to include publications of the council. The bill would require the council to develop a list of currently operating energy efficiency programs in the state. SECO and PUC would be required to develop and publish on their websites a user-friendly page allowing consumers to search by address energy efficiency programs available in the consumer's service area. The bill would require the council to submit to the Legislature not later than October 1 of each even-numbered year a report on energy efficiency programs in the state. The report would include: a comprehensive review of programs; comparisons of the programs with similar programs in other states; and recommendations for improving and creating new programs.

It is anticipated that any additional costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices

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