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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.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to create an energy efficiency council to monitor energy efficiency programs, make recommendations for improving energy efficiency programs, and provide a central repository for information on energy efficiency programs in the state. The council would be composed of seven members including the Comptroller or an employee of the State Energy Conservation Office designated by the Comptroller; the presiding officer of the Public Utilities Commission or a representative designated by the presiding officer; the executive director of the Commission on Environmental Quality or a representative designated by the executive director; the executive director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs or a representative designated by the executive director; the director of the Energy Systems Laboratory at the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of Texas A&M University System; a member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor to represent utility ratepayers; and a member appointed by the Governor at the recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives to represent utility ratepayers.

The State Energy Conservation Office would provide the council with administrative support, including meeting space and staff necessary to assist the council in carrying out its duties. 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

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