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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB776 by Anchia (Relating to the rights of distributed renewable generation owners and certain parties who provide distributed renewable generation to retail electric customers.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Utilities Code to exclude owners of distributed renewable generation and entities that install or maintain distributed renewable generation from the definition of an electric utility. The bill would allow for third party ownership of distributed renewable generation, eliminate registration requirements for distributed renewable generation, and set a minimum rate for the purchase of electricity produced by distributed renewable generation facilities.

Based on the analysis of the Public Utility Commission, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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