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TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB2623 by Beck (Relating to certain energy security technologies for critical governmental facilities.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 2311.001 of the Government Code to add institutions of higher education to the list of facilities designated as "critical governmental facilities." This designation would place institutions of higher education under the purview of Section 2311.002, which requires conduct of an evaluation to determine if equipping a critical governmental facility with a combined heating and power system would result in expected energy savings that would exceed the expected costs of purchasing, operating, and maintaining the system over a 20-year period. If the expected energy savings exceeds the expected costs, the institution of higher education would be authorized to equip critical governmental facilities with a combined heating and power system.

The bill would also amend Section 2311.002 of the Government Code to require the State Energy Conservation Office to establish guidelines for evaluating the cost effectiveness of equipping a critical governmental facility with a combined heating and power system.

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.

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