

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

**IN RE: HB2987** by Parker (Relating to establishing an account for the purchase or operation of emissions monitoring devices in certain counties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2987, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated--Urban County Air Monitoring Account</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>New General Revenue Dedicated--Urban County Air Monitoring Account</i>
2012	(\$1,500,000)	\$1,500,000
2013	(\$1,500,000)	\$1,500,000
2014	\$0	\$0
2015	\$0	\$0
2016	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would establish the Urban County Air Monitoring (UCAMA) Account, an account in the General Revenue Fund. The UCAMA would consist of any money deposited to the account including gifts, grants, or donations. Interest earned on the account would be credited to the account.

Money in the account could be appropriated to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) only for the purchase of air monitoring devices for use in a county with a population of 650,000 or more and in which there are more than 2,000 producing oil or gas wells.

The bill would require that the TCEQ allocate all money appropriated from the UCAMA Account for the purchase of operation of devices for or through a regional air monitoring network. The bill would

also specify that gifts and grants must be used for their intended purpose. After all intended purposes are met, remaining grant and gift funds could be used for air monitors in Tarrant and Dallas Counties. These provisions would only take effect if House Bill 1145, Senate Bill 527, or similar legislation relating to projects funded through the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan would be enacted by the 82nd Legislature.

### **Methodology**

This estimate assumes that upon creation of the account, \$3,000,000 in donations would be made to the new account during the 2012-13 biennium. This estimate also assumes that the \$3,000,000 would be appropriated to the TCEQ to be used to purchase air monitors in Tarrant and Dallas Counties. No additional donations or expenditures are assumed beyond 2013 for the purposes of this fiscal note.

It should be noted that if no donations, gifts, or grants would be made to UCAMA Account, then no significant fiscal impact would result from the bill's passage. This estimate assumes that any administrative costs to the TCEQ resulting from the bill's passage would be minimal and could be absorbed using existing agency resources.

### **Local Government Impact**

Local governments could be the beneficiaries of additional air quality monitors in their areas that they would have otherwise have made contributions for the purchase of such devices.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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