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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: HB3272 by Burnam (Relating to the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The would bill adds the definitions of an electric vehicle and natural gas vehicle and amend the definition of a hybrid vehicle for purposes relating to the Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program (LIRAP). The bill also would change the length of time that a vehicle must be registered in a LIRAP county to be eligible for the program from 12 months to at least 12 of the 15 months preceding the application for participation in the program. The bill would expand the replacement assistance that was reserved for hybrid vehicles to include hybrid, electric, natural gas, and federal Tier 2, Bin 3 or cleaner vehicles for the current model year or the previous three model years. The bill would limit a replacement vehicle under the program to an odometer reading of not more than 60,000 miles and raise the total cost allowed to not more than \$35,000 versus \$25,000 under current law. The bill would requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish a partnership with representatives from the steel industry, automobile dismantlers, and scrap metal recycling industry to ensure that vehicles retired under the LIRAP are scrapped or recycled.

Although the bill would make changes to the types of vehicles eligible for LIRAP grant funding, no significant fiscal implication to the TCEQ is expected as a result of the bill's passage.

Local Government Impact

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

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