

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 14, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Rene Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Land & Resource Management

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

**IN RE: HB3524** by Bonnen (Relating to the evaluation of certain regional planning commissions.),  
**As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3524, As Introduced: 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>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666
2012	(\$400,480)	\$400,480
2013	(\$400,480)	\$400,480
2014	\$0	\$0
2015	\$0	\$0
2016	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would add additional statutory duties and responsibilities for the State Auditor's Office (SAO). The bill would require the SAO to audit a regional planning commission and the commission would be required to reimburse the SAO for the cost of the audit.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to each house. Otherwise, it would be effective September 1, 2011.

**Methodology**

It is assumed that the only audited Commission would be the Houston-Galveston Area Council. It is estimated that the audit, which is comprised of numerous local governments, would require 4,000 hours to complete. Based on a billing rate of \$92 per hour, it is estimated that the audit would cost \$400,280 in fiscal year 2012 and fiscal year 2013, including \$39,600 in travel costs.

In accordance with Government Code 321.013, all additional duties and responsibilities prescribed by the bill would be proposed in the SAO's annual audit plan for Legislative Audit Committee approval.

### **Technology**

No significant impact to technology resources is anticipated.

### **Local Government Impact**

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

**Source Agencies:** 308 State Auditor's Office

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