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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: HB3669 by Carter (Relating to the funding for and user friendliness of the website operated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas to provide information regarding the power to choose retail electric providers.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Utilities Code to require the Public Utility Commission to privatize the power to choose website at a cost of a minimum of twenty-five percent less than the current cost to the State of Texas. The bill would require the PUC to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill.

This analysis assumes that the PUC would be able to privatize the power to choose website as outlined in the bill. 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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