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**TO:** Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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

**IN RE: SB1073** by Jackson (Relating to rainwater harvesting systems that are connected to public water supply systems.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to work with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to develop and adopt rules to regulate a structure that has a rainwater harvesting system for indoor use and that is connected to a public water supply system. The bill would require that a person who installs and maintains rainwater harvesting systems connected to public water supply systems and used for potable purposes must be licensed as a master or journeyman plumber by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners (SBPE) and hold a certification as a water supply protection specialist. The bill also would require that municipalities or owners/operators of public water supply systems be notified in writing of the intention of a person to connect a rainwater harvesting system used for potable purposes to a public water supply system.

None of the bill's provisions are expected to add significantly to the workload of the TCEQ, DSHS or SBPE.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 456 Board of Plumbing Examiners, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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