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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

IN RE: SB1153 by Williams (Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to participate in certain proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Utilities Code to allow the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to engage any consultant, accountant, auditor, engineer or attorney that the commission considers necessary to assist the PUC in a proceeding before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for certain proceedings. The bill would require electric utilities to pay for the reasonable costs of such services.

Based on the analysis of the Public Utility Commission and the Office of the Attorney General, 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 fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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