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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: SB1219 by Carona (Relating to the Internet website operated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas to provide information regarding a customer's power to choose retail electric providers.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Utilities Code to require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to publish and maintain a website that allows customers to view competitive offers from retail electric providers. The bill would require the PUC to establish a project to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill also would require the PUC to establish protocols relating to the frequency with which information posted on the website is updated. The bill would require the PUC to consult and cooperate with other state agencies in the design of the website. The bill would allow the PUC to accept funds from any source for the implementation of the bill and makes the implementation of the bill contingent on a finding by the PUC that complete funding exists or is likely to exist to carry out the provisions of the act. The bill would extend the provision of the Utilities Code requiring retail electric providers to include a statement about the website on each customer's bill.

Based on the analysis of the PUC and the Department of Information Resources, 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: 313 Department of Information Resources, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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