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TO: Honorable Patricia Harless, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB648 by Farias (Relating to notice and information provided by a municipal solid waste facility and a commercial transporter of solid waste regarding recycling programs for certain electronic waste.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 361 of the Health and Safety Code to establish requirements relating to notices and information provided by a municipal solid waste (MSW) facility and for recycling programs for certain electronic waste. The bill would define electronic waste as computer equipment and covered television equipment that would be eligible for collection under a manufacturer's recovery plan or a manufacturer recycling leadership program.

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), by rule, to develop the sign and informational insert that must include information relating to recycling programs for electronic waste and TCEQ's Internet website. TCEQ would be required to adopt rules implementing the provisions of the bill no later than December 31, 2013. Owners and operators of a MSW facility and commercial transporters are not required to post signs and provide informational inserts until the effective date of the final rules adopted by TCEQ. TCEQ indicated no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote from each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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