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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB876 by Allen (Relating to permit application requirements for solid waste facilities.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that solid waste permit applications submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) contain a certification from the applicant that the applicant has mailed an explanation of the site's proposed operations and a questionnaire seeking community comments regarding the proposed operations to each resident living one mile or less from the site and each community organization, nonprofit organization, or civic club located two miles or less from the site. The application would also be required to contain any comments made by residents, organizations, or clubs in response to the questionnaire.

Passage of the bill is not expected to result in significant costs to the TCEQ.

Local Government Impact

Local governments submitting permit applications for solid waste facilities could experience an increase in costs to mail the required documentation to residents and organizations in close proximity to a planned solid waste facility, to provide a questionnaire seeking community input, and to respond to comments. These costs are not expected to be significant.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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