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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1461 by Aycock (Relating to customer notification of water loss by a retail public utility.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 13 of the Water Code to provide that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by rule shall require a retail public utility that files a water audit to notify each customer of the water loss reported in the water audit.

TCEQ indicated no significant fiscal impact on the agency is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

According to the analysis by TCEQ, retail public utilities that are owned or managed by municipalities, district water supply corporations, or other types of local government would experience a fiscal impact to modify billing systems to provide the required notice. The level of fiscal impact would vary depending on the current operating environment and management decisions of each governmental retail public utility.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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