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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3605** by Burnam (Relating to the evaluation by the Texas Water Development Board of applications for financial assistance for certain retail public utilities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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Among other provisions, the bill would partially implement a recommendation from the report "Enhance State Participation in Municipal Water Conservation" in the Legislative Budget Board's Government Effectiveness and Efficiency Report, submitted to the Eighty-third Texas Legislature, 2013.

The bill would require that should system water loss of a certain utility applying to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for financial assistance exceed 15 percent annually, TWDB may require that a portion of financial assistance awarded be used to mitigate the system water loss or award additional financial assistance for that purpose. The TWDB would also evaluate for compliance with the TWDB's best management practices the utility's water conservation plan, issue a report to the utility on the results of the evaluation, and submit a biennial report to the legislature summarizing evaluations conducted. TWDB reports this would not have a fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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