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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.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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 if the 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. 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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