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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3704 by Rodriguez, Eddie (Relating to the methods that may be used to collect computer equipment for recycling.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would remove a provision that allows for computer manufacturers to offer a system for returning computer equipment as an option for meeting the convenience requirement established in Health and Safety Code, Section 361.955. In addition, the bill would add language that states that a collection system that allows for the return of computer equipment by mail alone does not meet the convenience requirements.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) reports that passage of the bill could lead to an increase in non-compliance for the recycling of computer equipment, especially among manufacturers having no physical presence in Texas and use the mail-back option as their primary means of collecting equipment for recycling. This could result in increased costs to the agency in pursuing enforcement actions. However, it is expected that any such additional costs would be absorbed using existing TCEQ resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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