

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3718** by Martinez Fischer (Relating to the development, protection, and production of brackish aquifers.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Water Code to provide that state policy regarding brackish groundwater include the production of freshwater through desalination and the production of water for use in hydraulic fracturing as a state goal. The Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality indicate that bill provisions would not result in a fiscal implication to the agencies. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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