

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 21, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

**IN RE:** SB59 by Nelson (Relating to required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend multiple statutes to modify or eliminate certain required reports prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education that are filed with the office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, members of the Legislature and other state entities. The bill amends various statutes including the Texas Agriculture, Criminal Procedure, Education, Family, Government, Health and Safety, Human Resources, Insurance, Labor, Natural Resources, Occupations, Transportation, Water and Utilities Codes to modify various reporting requirements prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education. The bill also repeals 37 provisions in Texas statute requiring the filing of various reports.

The bill would have a positive but not significant fiscal impact to the state. As the process each agency uses to produce its statutorily required reports is unique, quantifying the staff time saved, printing costs, and storage costs saved by eliminating unnecessary reports cannot be quantified. Eliminating reports assessed as unnecessary is unlikely to lead to reductions in staff, but eliminating superfluous reporting requirements would enable an increase in agency productivity.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 308 State Auditor's Office, 313 Department of Information Resources, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 727 Texas A&M Transportation Institute, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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