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TO: Honorable Juan Hinojosa, Chair, Senate Committee On Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB385 by Carona (Relating to authorizing assessments for water and energy improvements in districts designated by municipalities and counties.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to authorize municipalities and counties to establish water and energy improvement districts and create a program for financing assessments. The bill would specify requirements related to the designation of a district; procedures for establishment of a program; and contractual and financing assessments. The bill would authorize a local government to issue bonds or notes to finance qualified projects through contractual assessments as defined by the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

There could be a fiscal impact to a municipality or a county that chose to establish a program and enter into a contract with property owners for an assessment.

The Texas Municipal League reported that cities currently have additional authority to implement water and energy improvement districts; therefore, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

The Texas Association of Counties reported no significant fiscal impact to counties is anticipated.

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