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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1139 by Carona (Relating to the exclusion of hospital facilities from a rolling blackout.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Utilities Code to require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) by rule to require each electric utility, municipally owned utility, and electric cooperative to exclude hospital facilities from participating in an attempt to shed load in response to a rolling blackout initiated by any reliability council or power pool. Based on information provided by the PUC, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Public Power Association, the bill is not expected to have a significant impact on municipally-owned electric utilities.

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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