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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1745 by Uresti (Relating to minimum pollution removal requirements for certain stormwater discharges in the Edwards Aquifer.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that a new stormwater treatment facility described in a water pollution abatement plan (WPAP), prior to the discharge of such water into the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, remove 85 percent or more of the total suspended solids specified for removal. This would be a more stringent performance standard than the 80 percent removal currently required. Section 2 of the bill specifies that the bill would only apply to an application for a WPAP submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on or after the bill's effective date. The bill would take effect immediately if it would receive a vote of two-thirds vote in each house. Otherwise it would take effect on September 1, 2013.

Any administrative costs to the TCEQ resulting from the bill's passage are not expected to be significant.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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