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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1801** by Watson (Relating to the adoption of fire hydrant requirements for a wildland-urban interface in certain municipalities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add Chapter 797 to Title 9 of the Health and Safety Code to provide definitions for "wildfire," "wildland" and "wildland-urban interface" and would specify that the director of the Texas A&M Forest Service is the director. The governing body of a municipality with a population of 2,500 or more located in a county with a population of more than 1 million and less than 1.5 million that contains a wildland-urban interface would be authorized to require a fire hydrant located in that municipality to conform to flow and pressure standards established by the ordinance.

Local Government Impact

An applicable municipality that chose to install a fire hydrant could incur costs; however, the amounts would vary depending on whether or not the municipality currently has a fire hydrant and the cost of installment. It is assumed that a municipality would require a fire hydrant only if sufficient resources were available or it would not result in a negative fiscal impact; therefore, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

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