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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB946 by Workman (relating to painting and marking requirements for certain meteorological evaluation towers; creating an offense.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to specify painting, marking, and safety standards applicable to certain meteorological evaluation towers (MET). The bill would require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to adopt rules to implement and administer the provisions of the bill, including rules requiring a person who owns, operates, or erects a MET to provide notice to TxDOT of the existence of or intent to erect a MET and to register the MET with TxDOT.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would create either a Class C misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor, depending on the circumstances. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement could likely be absorbed with existing resources. Revenue from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 601 Department of Transportation, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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