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TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1736 by Villalba (Relating to building energy efficiency performance standards; establishing the Building Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code regarding building energy efficiency performance standards. The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) adoption of new energy codes would be based on the written findings from the Energy Systems Laboratory (ESL) of the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), on the stringency of energy code editions and comments and recommendations from the newly established Building Energy Efficiency Advisory Committee, of which SECO would appoint committee members no later than January 1, 2016. Although provisions related to the review and submittal of findings on the stringency of new editions of energy codes may result in costs associated with those additional responsibilities for ESL, this estimate assumes those costs would not be significant and could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. Otherwise, the bill takes effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 712 Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station

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