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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2532** by Bell (relating to a study on the effectiveness of regulations governing the design and construction of certain Type I municipal solid waste landfills overlying aquifers.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would define a landfill for purposes of the bill as a Type I municipal solid waste (MSW) landfill entirely designed and constructed on or after October 9, 1993 and not adjacent to a landfill that was designed and constructed in accordance with regulatory standards effective before October 9, 1993.

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to conduct a study of Type I MSW landfills located over aquifers to determine the effectiveness of the regulations that prescribe the design and construction of these landfills. The bill would allow the commission to work with other state agencies, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, private organizations, or business entities to conduct the study. In addition, the bill would require the commission to submit a report on the results and recommendations of the study to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House, and the presiding officer of each standing committee of the legislature with jurisdiction over environmental matters not later than January 1, 2017.

The bill would be effective immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in both houses. If not it would be effective on September 1, 2015. The bill's provisions would expire on August 31, 2017.

The TCEQ reports that any additional expenses resulting from the bill's required study could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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