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TO: Honorable Doug Miller, Chair, House Committee on Special Purpose Districts

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2672** by Workman (Relating to the powers of a public utility agency; authorizing fees and charges; granting the power of eminent domain.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to expand the powers of a public utility agency, including exercising eminent domain, collecting fees and providing certain other services. The bill would permit a public utility agency to establish reasonable fees and collect an impact fee. The bill would require four-fifths vote of the agency's board of directors to exercise the power of eminent domain to acquire land. The bill would require a public utility agency to award a contract for construction for improvement that is more than \$75,000 only on the basis of competitive bids. The public utility agency would be required to charge tolls and other fees sufficient to produce revenue adequate to pay certain expenses.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 475 Office of Public Utility Counsel

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