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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3292 by Paul (Relating to the permit requirements for wastes received from ocean-going vessels.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from requiring a permit for the collection, handling, storage, processing, or disposal of nonhazardous industrial solid waste that is or will be disposed of on a tract of land owned or effectively controlled by the owners or operators of the activity that generated the subject waste within 50 miles of the industrial plant, manufacturing plant, mining operation, or agricultural operation that the waste resulted from. The bill would provide that waste generated by an ocean going vessel or other watercraft that is received by a facility for collection, handling, storage, processing, and disposal is considered to be waste resulting from or produced by an industrial plant, manufacturing plant, mining operation, or agricultural operation.

The TCEQ reports that the bill could potentially reduce fee revenue collections under Health and Safety Code, Section 361.161(b)(1)(B) (relating to Industrial Solid Waste and Solid Waste Management Fee) for commercial disposal of Class I nonhazardous industrial solid waste by converting the regulatory status of industrial waste generated off site and managed on a commercial basis to that of noncommercial management of waste by the generator. The agency also reports that the bill could also potentially reduce fee revenues collected by the state for management and disposal of municipal solid waste by converting the regulatory status of municipal solid waste managed on a commercial basis to that of noncommercial management of waste by the generator. However any related revenue loss is not expected to be significant.

No significant administrative costs to the TCEQ are expected as a result of the bill's passage.

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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