

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB611** by Perry (Relating to the confidentiality of certain water well reports.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would exempt certain groundwater withdrawal reports from public disclosure under the Public Information Act. The bill would allow an owner or operator of a privately owned water well to submit a written request to a groundwater conservation district (GCD) to treat the owner or operator's groundwater withdrawal reports as confidential information. The bill's confidentiality provisions would not apply to a well owned or operated by a public entity, municipality, or a conservation and reclamation district authorized by Section 59, Article 16, Texas Constitution.

The changes proposed by the bill would only apply to a groundwater withdrawal report required to be filed with a GCD on or after September 1, 2015, the effective date of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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