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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: SB991 by Rodríguez (relating to a requirement that the General Land Office conduct a study regarding the use of wind or solar power to desalinate brackish groundwater.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the General Land Office (GLO), in consultation with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), to conduct a study on brackish groundwater desalination using wind or solar power as an energy source on property owned by the state, and shall report the results of the study to the governor and legislature by December 31, 2016. The bill provides that GLO may coordinate with a research division of a university in conducting the study and that GLO and TWDB may request data from any state agency in conducting the study. The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 580 Water Development Board

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