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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB931 by Miller (Relating to liability of certain electric utilities and political subdivisions that contract for certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to liability of certain electric utilities and political subdivisions that contract for certain uses of land that the electric utility owns, occupies, or leases. The bill requires that, should an electric utility enter into an agreement with a political subdivision to allow public access to and use of the premises of the electric utility, the political subdivision may pay for any resulting costs incurred by the utility.

Based on the analysis of the Public Utility Commission and the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Municipal League, the fiscal implications of the bill to local government cannot be determined at this time, though it could result in a negative impact.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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