

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 7, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE:** **HB963** by Perez (Relating to notice of bill payment assistance programs for certain electric customers.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would amend the Utilities Code to require retail electric providers, municipally owned utilities, or electric cooperatives that previously participated in the system benefit fund rate reduction program to provide written notice of each bill payment assistance program available to assist customers. The bill would also authorize the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules establishing alternative methods of providing notice.

The Public Utility Commission indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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