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**TO:** Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

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

**IN RE:** **HB1898** by Uresti, Tomas (Relating to a study on state agency digital data storage and records management practices and associated state costs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would require the Department of Information Resources (DIR), in consultation with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC), to conduct a study on state agency digital data storage and records management practices and the associated costs to the state. The study must examine: the current digital data storage practices of agencies and their associated costs; digital records management and data classification policies of agencies and whether agencies are consistently complying with the established policies; whether agencies are storing digital data that exceeds established retention requirements and the cost of the unnecessary storage; the adequacy of storage systems used by agencies to securely maintain confidential digital records; and possible solutions and improvements recommended by agencies for reducing costs and increasing security for digital data storage and records management.

The bill would require state agencies to participate in the study and provide appropriate assistance and information to DIR and TSLAC. The report on the study and relevant recommendations would be submitted to certain leadership not later than December 1, 2018. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017 and would expire on September 1, 2019.

DIR and TSLAC indicate that their costs for the study can be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 306 Library & Archives Commission, 313 Department of Information Resources

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