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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2140 by Guillen (Relating to the creation of an advisory panel to study and compile a report on best management practices and funding mechanisms for the prevention, mitigation, and abatement of windblown and waterborne litter and illegal dumping in communities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create an advisory panel to conduct a study on existing best management practices and funding mechanisms in this state for the prevention, mitigation, and abatement of windblown and waterborne litter and illegal dumping in communities. The panel would be comprised of eight agencies and three additional appointees each from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House of Representative. The representative from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) would be the presiding officer of the panel, and members of the panel would not be entitled to compensation for service on the panel, but would be entitled to travel reimbursement. Additionally, the panel is authorized to accept gifts and grants from any source to be used to carry out the function of the panel.

At the conclusion of the study, the panel would make recommendations to TCEQ and the Texas Department of Transportation, as well as issue a best practices guide and report to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the legislative committees with primary jurisdiction over the issues described in the report by November 1, 2018. The panel would be abolished January 1, 2020. No significant fiscal impact is anticipated as a result of the bill. TCEQ reported the agency would contract with a third party to conduct the study. However, for the purposes of this analysis it is assumed that related costs would not be significant and could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 300 Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 405 Department of Public Safety, 455 Railroad Commission, 551 Department of Agriculture, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 601 Department of Transportation, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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