

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 5, 2017

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2497** by Dutton (relating to the posting of notice of intent to obtain a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the site of the facility or proposed facility for which the permit is sought.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Texas Water Code, Section 5.552(d) to require an applicant for an environmental permit to place a sign at the site of the facility or proposed facility that states that an application for a permit has been filed, and the manner in which the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may be contacted for further information. The bill would only apply to applications for a permit filed with TCEQ on or after the effective date of the bill. The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

TCEQ estimates that implementing the provisions of the bill could be done using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

TCEQ notes that if local or other governmental entities are applicants for a permit under the provisions of the bill, these entities would have to cover the cost of the required sign. This cost is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

LBB Staff: UP, SZ, MSO