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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2771** by Phelan (Relating to the wastewater treatment permit application; eliminating a fee.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2771, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from <i>Water Resource Management</i> 153
2018	(\$341,000)
2019	(\$341,000)
2020	(\$341,000)
2021	(\$341,000)
2022	(\$341,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Texas Health and Safety Code by deleting Section 367.010, which instructs the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and each county, municipality, public health department, and river authority to collect a \$10 fee for the processing of an on-site wastewater treatment permit application. This fee is currently deposited to the General Revenue-Dedicated Water Resource Management Account No. 153 (Account 153). The bill would affect only applications for on-site wastewater treatment permits received on or after the effective date of this Act.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Methodology

The Comptroller estimates that the total revenue deposited to Account 153 in fiscal year 2018 and each subsequent fiscal year under current law would be \$341,000, based on estimates from TCEQ. This revenue would not be collected under the provisions of the bill and would result in a revenue loss to Account 153.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Local authorized agents that currently collect the \$10 fee and submit the fee to TCEQ for deposit to Account 153 would no longer collect and submit the fee.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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