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TO: Honorable Lyle Larson, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3025** by King, Tracy O. (relating to open, uncovered, abandoned, or deteriorated wells.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Occupations Code relating to open, uncovered, abandoned, or deteriorated wells.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and the Water Development Board indicate that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within the agencies' existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation anticipates that there could be a fiscal implication to the groundwater conservation districts to require landowners to plug or repair deteriorated wells in addition to capping open and uncovered wells. This would increase the number of notices issued and potentially the number of wells the districts would have to contract to be plugged. The fiscal impact cannot be determined, but is not anticipated to be significant.

According to the Southeast Texas Groundwater Conservation District, no fiscal impact to the District is anticipated.

According to the Rusk County Groundwater Conservation District, no fiscal impact to the District is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 580 Water Development Board

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