

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**  
**Revision 1**

**May 4, 2017**

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

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

**IN RE:** **HB3036** by King, Tracy O. (relating to permits for the discharge of waste or pollutants into water that flows into certain areas of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Water Code prohibiting the Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ) from approving a new permit authorizing the direct discharge of waste or pollutants into certain areas of the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone. The bill would prohibit TCEQ from amending a permit issued before September 1, 2017 to increase the amount of waste or pollutants discharged in the certain areas of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone..

The bill does not prohibit TCEQ from authorizing certain stormwater and non-stormwater discharges.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

According to the TCEQ, the bill could impact local and other governmental entities providing wastewater treatment services to citizens in the affected area. Currently, there are approximately 22 Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (discharge to surface waters) issued permits that are located in areas targeted by the bill. There are 66 land applications permits in the targeted area. New developments would be impacted as any new wastewater generated would have to be disposed of via land application in this area or routed to another watershed for discharge. Fiscal implications to local governmental entities cannot be estimated, however, the costs could be substantial.

**Source Agencies:** 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

**LBB Staff:** UP, SZ, GG, BM, SD, JGA