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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3333 by Isaac (Relating to permits for certain injection wells that are part of an aquifer storage and recovery project that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.), As

Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to revise the definition of the Edwards Aquifer, thereby allowing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), under certain circumstances, to issue a permit for an injection well that transects the portion of the Edwards Aquifer that is within the external boundaries of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservations District. Based on the analysis of TCEQ and the Railroad Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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