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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB570 by Rodríguez (Relating to the regulation of the retention, storage, transportation, disposal, processing, and reuse of used or scrap tires; providing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require used or scrap tire generators who store used or scrap tires outdoors to store the tires in a secure manor, as well as requiring the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish requirements for financial assurance for certain generators, transporters and processors of used or scrap tires removed from vehicles during the purchase of tires. The bill would regulate the retention, storage, transportation and disposal of used or scrap tires and specify penalties for violations. The bill would require TCEQ to adopt rules necessary to implement the changes required by the bill no later than March 1, 2018, and would not require a regulated person to register, per the requirements of the bill, until September 1, 2018.

TCEQ estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill that would include dedicating a position for this purpose.

Local Government Impact

According to TCEQ, the financial assurance requirements of the bill may potentially impact the number of registered transporters and could result in increased price for tire transportation. Local governments could also generate revenue as a result of the civil penalties specified in the bill.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, Cameron County reported the fiscal impact would not be significant.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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