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**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

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

**IN RE: SB696** by Perry (Relating to a requirement that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality obtain or develop updated water availability models for certain river basins.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB696, 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 (Cost) from Water Resource Management 153
2018	(\$2,558,000)
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Texas Water Code, Section 16.012 to require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to obtain or develop updated water availability models for the Brazos, Guadalupe, San Antonio, and Trinity River basins.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

## **Methodology**

TCEQ's estimates assume that the agency would update the water availability models through a contract, and would include costs of peer review of the work. TCEQ estimates that costs for the contract would total \$2,558,000 in fiscal year 2018; \$275,000 for the Brazos River Basin; \$1,210,000 for the Guadalupe/San Antonio River Basin; and \$1,073,000 for the Trinity River Basin.

This analysis assumes that all other staff related costs necessary to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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