

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB862 by Perry (Relating to the award of attorney's fees and other costs in certain proceedings involving a groundwater conservation district.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to permit any prevailing party to recover attorney's fees and costs in any suit or enforcement action to which a groundwater conservation district is a party in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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