

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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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: SB1528 by Creighton (Relating to the joint planning process for groundwater management.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Water Code defining Management Area Planning Groups (MAPG) as groups composed of groundwater conservation districts. The MAPG may request technical assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the joint planning advisory committee. The bill requires regional planning groups to submit a regional water plan that is consistent with the desired future conditions adopted as of the most recent deadline for the TWDB to adopt the state water plan.

The Texas Water Development Board estimates any additional workload can be absorbed within existing resources.

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

The Water Development Board anticipates no significant fiscal implication to units of local government from the bill.

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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