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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1667** by Seliger (relating to the nature, funding, and functions of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 403.005 to allow the Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission (Compact Commission) to conduct other activities not described by the federal law governing the Compact Commission as long as these activities are consistent with the policies and procedures of this state. The bill would amend Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 403.0051, to state that the Compact Commission is an independent entity as established under federal law, and is governed by the party states compact agreement. The bill would define the Compact Commission as not a state agency, although the Compact Commission may be assigned an agency code, obtain its funding through an appropriation from the State of Texas, allow for the reimbursement of Compact Commission members, staff, and contractors costs, and conduct other functions not addressed in the governing federal law or in the party states compact agreement in alignment with policies and procedures as determined by the State of Texas. However, the bill would also include clarifying language that the Compact Commission is established by federal law and governed by the compact.

No significant fiscal implications are anticipated as a result of enactment of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 535 Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact Commission, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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