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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2026 by Rodríguez (Relating to a biennial report on stormwater infrastructure in this state.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Texas Water Code, Section 5.136 to define "green stormwater infrastructure", also known as "low impact development", and to require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to appoint a Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Low Impact Development Report Group each biennium, with members drawn from specified affected groups by TCEQ. The group would be required to produce a written report relating to green stormwater infrastructure use in the state of Texas. TCEQ would be required to publicly solicit information to support preparation of the report and cooperate with the group in providing the necessary information. Not later than January 1 of the second year of the state fiscal biennium, the group would be required to submit the report to each member of TCEQ, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature.

TCEQ estimates that implementing the provisions of the bill could be done using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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