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TO: Honorable Drew Springer, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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IN RE: **HB1868** by Lozano (Relating to the creation of the Texas Rural Water Advisory Council.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to create the Texas Rural Water Advisory Council. The council would be composed of 15 members and would include appointees from the Department of Agriculture (TDA), Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Department of Transportation, the State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House. The council would be tasked with assisting TDA in assessing the effectiveness and need for rural water initiatives in Texas regarding a variety of issues. The bill would require the council to publish a best management practices guide and to make a report to the Legislature. Based on the analysis of the agencies involved, the provisions of the bill could be implemented with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 551 Department of Agriculture, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board, 601 Department of Transportation, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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