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TO: Honorable Chris Paddie, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

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IN RE: HB2498 by Paddie (Relating to the procedure for acting on an application for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code and the Natural Resources Code to create rules for a contested case hearing held by, or on the behalf of, the Railroad Commission regarding the application for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation. Based on analysis of the Railroad Commission and the State Office of Administrative Hearings, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts,
 360 State Office of Administrative Hearings, 455 Railroad Commission

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