

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs

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**IN RE: HB2729** by Minjarez (Relating to the administration, duties, and operation of the Edwards Aquifer Authority; authorizing a fee.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend various provisions related to the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA). According to Texas Water Development Board, the agency will need to update maps and website information that currently label the Authority as a groundwater conservation district, however, this is anticipated to be accomplished within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Among other provisions, the bill would provide EAA the ability to address abandoned, open, uncovered or deteriorated wells and recover associated costs. EAA indicates no fiscal implication to their agency.

**Source Agencies:**        304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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