

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable J. M. Lozano, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB531 by Birdwell (Relating to the sources of funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB531, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0
2023	\$0
2024	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>State Highway Fund</i> 6</b>	<b>Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Texas Emissions Reduction Plan</i> 5071</b>
2020	(\$150,826,000)	\$265,295,000
2021	(\$152,334,000)	\$272,526,000
2022	(\$153,858,000)	\$277,656,000
2023	(\$155,396,000)	\$282,908,000
2024	(\$156,950,000)	\$288,287,000

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would extend the sources of funding for the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP), which are set to expire on August 31, 2019 under current law. The bill would amend the Tax Code to extend fee and surcharge revenues deposited to the credit of General Revenue-Dedicated Texas Emissions Reduction Plan Account No. 5071 (TERP Fund) for each active or revoked ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) until all areas in Texas have been designated by the Environmental Protection Agency as either in attainment or unclassifiable or the EPA has approved a redesignation substitute making a finding of attainment. The bill would prohibit TERP programs from expiring until there is no pending judicial review of those EPA actions, and the final notice of such action is published in the Texas Register.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to continue the deposit to the credit of the TERP Fund from the State Highway Fund each fiscal year in an amount equal to the amount deposited to the credit of the Texas Mobility Fund from Vehicle Title Fees.

The bill would take effect August 30, 2019.

## **Methodology**

Amounts reflected in the table above are based on revenue estimates provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts for TERP Fund fees and surcharges and on Vehicle Title Fee revenue amounts deposited to the credit of the Texas Mobility Fund as reported in the Comptroller of Public Accounts Biennial Revenue Estimate.

## **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. The bill would require local and other governmental entities to continue paying the TERP fees relating to heavy-duty motor vehicle sales and use fees when purchasing or leasing heavy-duty vehicles and equipment.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 601 Department of Transportation

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