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TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water & Rural Affairs

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IN RE: **SB978** by Hughes (Relating to a study of the conversion of surface mine pits and quarries to water storage reservoirs in order to enhance this state's available water supply.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require the legislature to establish a joint interim committee to study the feasibility and desirability of converting quarries and surface mine pits for use as water storage reservoirs to enhance the state's available water supply. The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, the Railroad Commission of Texas, and the Texas Water Development Board will provide administrative support and resources to the committee.

The committee would be required to report to the Governor and legislature no later than December 1, 2020. The committee would be abolished and the statute governing the Committee would expire on January 12, 2021.

This analysis assumes that the duties and responsibilities of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 580 Water Development Board, 582
 Commission on Environmental Quality

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