

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 29, 2019

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

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

IN RE: **SB1446** by Johnson (Relating to performance standards for certain aboveground storage tanks.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
--

The bill would amend the Water Code to require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt performance standards for aboveground storage tanks for tanks currently regulated and tanks currently exempted located at petrochemical plants, petroleum refineries, electric generating facilities, or bulk facilities. The performance standards must include specific standards for tanks in areas prone to flooding, storm surges, and hurricanes and includes the need to anchor the tanks and ancillary piping; the use of geodesic dome roofs, where appropriate; and the use of floating roofs and associated drains, where appropriate.

Based on information provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, this estimate assumes that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to TCEQ, a governmental entity with an aboveground storage tank might have to retrofit their tank to meet the standards required, resulting in additional costs for the entity. The actual cost to modify a tank to comply is unknown.

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

LBB Staff: WP, SZ, MW, GDz