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TO: Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

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IN RE: SB1656 by Hancock (Relating to the conversion of plastics and other recoverable materials through pyrolysis or gasification.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) cannot consider post-use polymers or recoverable feedstock to be solid waste if these items were converted using pyrolysis or gasification into a raw, intermediate, or final product as defined in the bill. In addition, TCEQ would be required to conduct a study to promote sustainable materials management, the development and use of pyrolysis and gasification processes, and examination of post-use polymers and recoverable feedstocks.

This analysis assumes duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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