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TO: Honorable Brooks Landgraf, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB969 by Dutton (Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Texas Water Code to alter the definition of affected person for purposes of an administrative hearing related to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). For purposes of contested cases on applications to TCEQ for environmental permits, members of the legislature for the area where the proposed facility would be located, or to which it "relates," would be "affected persons" entitled to be parties in the case.

Based on the analysis of the TCEQ and the Office of Administrative Hearings, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 360 Office Adm Hearings, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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