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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1866 by Lucio III (Relating to certain reports created by the Texas Water Development Board.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to eliminate the requirement that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) submit a biennial report regarding water use to the Legislature, and instead require that the agency certain information regarding water use publicly available. The bill would also amend the Agriculture Code to strike the requirement that TWDB, in coordination with the Soil and Water Conservation Board (SWCB) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), prepare a report on the repair and maintenance needs of certain dams. The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

Based on information provided by TWDB, SWCB, and TCEQ, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board

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