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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1874 by Larson (Relating to the provision of technical assistance by the Texas Water Development Board to an interregional planning council.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1874, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$147,637) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	(\$80,103)
2023	(\$67,534)
2024	(\$67,534)
2025	(\$67,534)
2026	(\$67,534)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$80,103)	1.0
2023	(\$67,534)	1.0
2024	(\$67,534)	1.0
2025	(\$67,534)	1.0
2026	(\$67,534)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Water Code to require the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to provide technical assistance to the Interregional Planning Council, which works to improve coordination between regional water planning groups and TWDB.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

Methodology

Based on information provided by TWDB, this analysis assumes an additional 1.0 Program Specialist III (\$50,000 salary per year) would be needed beginning in 2022. This FTE would provide support for up to nine Council meetings per year in addition to 13 meetings held by Council-created workgroups and committees. Costs associated with this FTEs would be \$80,103 in fiscal year 2022 and \$67,534 each subsequent year.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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