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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1947 by Ordaz Perez (Relating to the permitting of medical waste facilities by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require applicants for construction, operation, or maintenance of a facility to store, process, or dispose of medical waste to notify certain elected officials as defined in the bill of this application not later than 30 days after filing for the application and requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to reject applications submitted by a person that has not complied with this notification requirement. In addition, the bill would prevent the TCEQ from issuing a permit for a new medical waste facility or expansion of an existing facility within 500 feet of certain locations as defined in the bill. Based on the analysis of the TCEQ and the Health and Human Services Commission, 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: 529 Hlth & Human Svcs Comm, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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