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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2957 by Geren (Relating to inspections and examinations by the Railroad Commission of Texas of certain sites and facilities conducted using unmanned aircraft.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow the Railroad Commission to capture an image using an unmanned aircraft in connection with the inspection or examination of an oil or gas site or facility, a pipeline facility, or a surface mining site.

Based on information provided by the Railroad Commission and the Department of Public Safety, 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: 405 Department of Public Safety, 455 Railroad Commission

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