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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3084 by Larson (Relating to the proposal by the Texas Water Development Board of a process to identify and evaluate multiregional water supply projects.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3084, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$736,889) 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	(\$374,729)
2023	(\$362,160)
2024	(\$362,160)
2025	(\$56,080)
2026	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$374,729)	1.0
2023	(\$362,160)	1.0
2024	(\$362,160)	1.0
2025	(\$56,080)	0.5
2026	\$0	0.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to submit to the Legislature by December 1, 2024, a report that proposes the framework for a state-level planning component to the existing regional water planning process that would identify and evaluate multiregional water supply projects. The report would be required to contain a general outline for a potential work plan, timeline, and estimated cost for the implementation of the planning component. The bill would authorize TWDB to consult with the Interregional Planning Council and to contract for research and technical services necessary to develop the report.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021 and would expire January 1, 2025.

Methodology

Based on information provided by TWDB, this analysis assumes 1.0 FTE (Planner V, salary \$83,298) would be necessary in fiscal years 2022-2024 and 0.5 FTEs (Planner V, salary \$41,649) would be necessary in fiscal year 2025. The FTE would guide the procurement of consultants, coordinate the design of the framework, and manage the work of consultants in developing the report. Costs associated with this FTE would be \$124,729 in fiscal year 2022, \$112,160 in fiscal years 2023 and 2024, and \$56,080 in fiscal year 2025.

Additionally, a professional services contract in the amount of \$250,000 per year for fiscal years 2022-24 would be necessary for research and technical work needed to prepare the report.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board

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