

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Craig Goldman, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB3648** by Geren (Relating to the eligibility and designation of certain gas entities and gas facilities as critical during an energy emergency.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Public Utility Commission and the Railroad Commission to adopt rules to designate certain gas entities and facilities as critical during an energy emergency no later than September 1, 2021 and would require the Public Utility Commission to provide a report to the legislature by January 1, 2022.

Based on information provided by the Railroad Commission and the Public Utility Commission, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2021.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 455 Railroad Commission, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 475 Office of Public Utility Counsel

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