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TO: Honorable Craig Goldman, Chair, House Committee on Energy Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3881 by Goldman (Relating to the creation of an advisory committee by the Railroad Commission of Texas to facilitate the movement of natural gas to high priority customers during periods of emergency.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create an advisory committee by the Railroad Commission to be named the Texas Energy Reliability Council to coordinate natural gas supplies during an emergency when the supply of natural gas may not be sufficient to meet demand. The advisory committee would consist of government and natural gas industry representatives appointed by the Railroad Commission. The bill would exempt the advisory committee from existing statutes that govern state agency advisory committees, open meeting requirements, and public information disclosures.

Based on the information provided by the Railroad 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 if it receives a two-thirds 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

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