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**TO:** Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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

**IN RE: SB437** by Blanco (Relating to personal protective equipment management and the establishment of a personal protective equipment advisory committee.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB437, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$353,684) 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	(\$184,898)
2023	(\$168,786)
2024	(\$168,786)
2025	(\$168,786)
2026	(\$168,786)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$184,898)	1.2
2023	(\$168,786)	1.2
2024	(\$168,786)	1.2
2025	(\$168,786)	1.2
2026	(\$168,786)	1.2

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Chapter 81 of the Health and Safety code to add new provisions relating to personal protective equipment (PPE). The bill would require the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to establish, make appointments to, and administer the Personal Protective Equipment Advisory Committee.

The bill would also require TDEM to develop, establish, disseminate, and adopt rules relating to guidelines for the procurement, storage, and distribution of personal protective equipment.

## **Methodology**

TDEM estimates that to fulfill its responsibilities under the bill it would require \$353,684 in General Revenue and an additional 1.2 FTEs for the biennium. This estimate assumes, based on comments from the agency, that the agency's planning staff which is currently responsible for maintaining planning annexes for all-hazards responses for the state, does not currently have the subject-matter-expertise necessary to undertake the relevant activities to support the development of PPE standards as required by the legislation. Based on this assumption, TDEM would require an additional planner with public health expertise (Planner III, estimated annual salary of \$70,000). Additionally, to support the program, including planning and the administration of the advisory council, the agency would require 0.2 program specialist (\$12,723 per year). Along with salaries, the estimate includes personnel costs of \$1,152 per year and \$26,902 in benefits per year. To support planning activities and operations, the estimate includes annual expenses of \$7,015 for fuel costs, \$13,644 for supplies, \$10,000 for travel, and \$7,020 in operating costs. The estimate also assumes \$16,112 in one-time costs in fiscal year 2022 to stand up the new advisory committee and on-board and equip new FTEs. The estimate also includes \$20,330 in rent and utilities per year for the usage of space and equipment associated with the staff and program.

## **Technology**

It is assumed that this estimate includes costs to procure and maintain laptop computers and other essential technology to fulfil the mandates of the legislation.

## **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 575 TX Division of Emergency Management, 701 Texas Education Agency

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