

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs

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

**IN RE: SB601** by Perry (Relating to the creation and activities of the Texas Produced Water Consortium.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would create the Texas Produced Water Consortium consisting of the host university, the agency advisory council, the stakeholder advisory council, the technical steering committee, and private entities. The Consortium would be required to study the economics of beneficial uses of fluid oil and gas waste and technology needed for those uses. The bill would require Texas Tech University, the host university, to provide staff and other resources to consortium, to implement provisions of the legislation. Texas Tech University indicates that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 300 Trusteed Programs - Gov, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 455 Railroad Commission, 551 Department of Agriculture, 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 768 Texas Tech Univ Sys Admin, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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