

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Brian Birdwell, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

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

**IN RE: SB1668** by Hughes (Relating to licensing and examination requirements for persons engaged in liquefied petroleum gas activities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the number of applicants who may choose to take the Propane Education and Research Council training rather than the training offered by the Railroad Commission is unknown.**

The bill would amend the Natural Resource Code to allow the Railroad Commission to waive the instruction and examination requirements for petroleum gas cylinder license applicants who have completed training under guidelines established by the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC).

According to the Railroad Commission and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, fee revenues collected from the agency's safety training programs would be reduced due to individuals electing to take the PERC training instead of the training offered by the agency. However, the fiscal impact to the state cannot be determined because the number of applicants that would choose that option is unknown.

Based on information provided by the Railroad Commission, all other 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:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 455 Railroad Commission

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