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TO: Honorable Brooks Landgraf, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1503 by González, Mary (Relating to the establishment of a grant program to support the elimination of illegally disposed of scrap tires.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the amounts and timing of any appropriations, grant distributions, depository interest, and gifts, grants, or donations for the new funds are unknown.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code regarding illegally disposed of scrap tires.

The bill would require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish a scrap tire remediation grant program to provide grants to identify and prosecute individuals who improperly dispose of scrap tires, provide public education related to illegal tire disposal, and remove and properly dispose of scrap tires.

The bill would create the Scrap Tire Remediation Grant Account as a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund. The fund would consist of legislative appropriations, gifts, grants, donations, and interest earnings. The account could only be used to award grants or administer the grant program.

The bill would authorize TCEQ to adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this bill.

Based on information provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the amounts and timing of any appropriations, grant distributions, depository interest, and gifts, grants, or donations for the new funds are unknown at this time.

Based on information provide by TCEQ, this analysis assumes that additional staff would be needed if funds were made available for the new fund. It is assumed that TCEQ would need 2.0 Planner IV (B24) positions to develop the rules in fiscal year 2024 and to implement the grant program in fiscal years 2025-2028. Personnel costs (salary, benefits, and operating) for the FTEs are estimated to be \$247,706 in FY 2024 and \$237,706 in fiscal years 2025-2028.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

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