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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1929 by Leo-Wilson (Relating to the adoption of rules concerning certain on-site sewage disposal systems.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined because the increase in the number of permit applications that would be received is unknown.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt rules that would allow, for certain counties, the installation of aerobic drip emitter systems on subdivided or platted properties less than half an acre in size serving a single-family residences supplied by a public drinking water system, provided that site-specific planning materials have been submitted by a licensed engineer or registered sanitarian and approved by the appropriate authorized agent.

Based on information provided by TCEQ and the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the bill could result in larger properties in eligible counties being subdivided, increasing the number of permit applications received. TCEQ would charge between \$200 and \$400 per permit and an additional \$10 per permit as a research fee. Any additional revenue collected would be deposited to General Revenue-Dedicated Water Resource Management Account No. 153.

Based on information provided by TCEQ, costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed with existing resources.

The fiscal implications of this bill cannot be determined because the number of properties that would be subdivided and the number of additional permits that would be received are unknown.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time because the increased number of permit applications and plans that would be submitted to local entities is unknown.

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

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