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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2759 by Thompson, Ed (Relating to the establishment of the TexMesonet Hydrometeorology Network and creation of the TexMesonet Advisory Committee.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would direct the Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to establish the TexMesonet Hydrometeorology Network. The network would monitor hydrometeorological conditions and serve as the statewide repository for hydrometeorological data collection and dissemination. The bill would require state agencies and other state entities that collect hydrometeorological data to coordinate in the efforts of the network. The Executive Administrator of TWDB may also establish an advisory committee that would provide recommendations related to statewide hydrometeorological efforts.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2023.

Based on information provided by Texas A&M University, it is assumed that costs to agencies associated with providing collected data to the network could be absorbed using existing resources. Based on information provided by TWDB, it is assumed that costs associated with the establishment and activities of the network could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices

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