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TO: Honorable Cole Hefner, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3010** by Ashby (relating to the establishment of the Rural Infrastructure Disaster Recovery Program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to establish and administer a rural infrastructure disaster recovery program to provide financial assistance to eligible rural communities located in a disaster area for the purpose of rebuilding and repairing critical infrastructure.

The bill would establish the Rural Infrastructure Disaster Recovery Account as an account in the General Revenue Fund to be administered by TDEM. The account would consist of appropriations by the Legislature, gifts or grants, and interest earned on deposits and investments of the account.

Note: 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 in, with, or outside 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

There would be a positive, but indeterminate, impact on rural, low-income political subdivisions that would be eligible for grants under the Rural Infrastructure Disaster Recovery Program.

Source Agencies: 300 Trusted Programs Within the Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 575 Texas Division of Emergency Management, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices

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