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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1633** by Romero, Jr. (Relating to application and notification requirements for a permit to drill an oil or gas well in or near an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Natural Resources Code to require that the Railroad Commission (RRC) adopt rules to require a drilling permit application include an affirmation as to whether or not the well will be located within, or within 50 yards of, an easement held by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The bill would require the RRC to send such an application to TxDOT within 14 days of receipt. TxDOT indicates bill provisions could be reasonably absorbed within that agency's existing resources. The RRC estimates there would be a minimal cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 601 Department of Transportation

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