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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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IN RE: SB2099 by Wentworth (Relating to a requirement to provide sufficient water pressure for fire suppression in certain special utility districts.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add Section 65.301 to Chapter 65 of the Water Code to require a special utility district whose territory includes land in the corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality with a population of more than 10,000 to maintain and make available for fire suppression a system that, when tested according to procedures prescribed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) rules, complies with the fire-flow requirements of the latest edition of the International Fire Code.

TCEQ would be required to revoke a district's certificate of convenience and necessity on finding that the district is in violation of Section 65.301. TCEQ would be required to adopt rules as necessary to implement and enforce provisions of the bill.

Based on the analysis by TCEQ, it is assumed that provisions of the bill can be implemented using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated unless a district is not in compliance and must incur costs to meet the requirements.

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