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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee On State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1148 by Harless (Relating to the reimbursement of a municipality's expenses in a ratemaking proceeding for electric or gas utilities.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Under the provisions of the bill, a gas or electric utility would not be required to reimburse a municipality for the cost of ratemaking proceedings if the utility is required to pay a rate higher than prescribed by Section 33.008, Utilities Code, or if the municipality has not paid the ratemaking expenses and assumed by ordinance the obligation to pay the fees. According to Texas Municipal League, costs to municipalities will vary but may be significant in some cases.

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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