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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB943 by Carona (Relating to the classification and use of energy storage equipment or facilities and the provision of studies and reports regarding energy storage equipment or those facilities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Utilities Code to require the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to classify energy storage equipment or facilities as a separate class of equipment or facilities from generation or transmission and distribution equipment or facilities. The bill would require the PUC to adopt rules to implement the provisions of the bill. The bill would also provide for certain studies and reports on energy storage equipment and facilities to be completed by PUC, in consultation with the State Energy Conservation Office.

Based on the analysis of the Public Utility Commission and the Comptroller of Public Accounts it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas

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