

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

5-24-13
Date

Honorable David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Sirs:

We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on HB 1897 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.



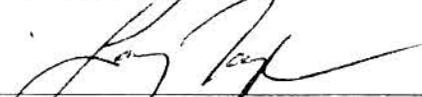
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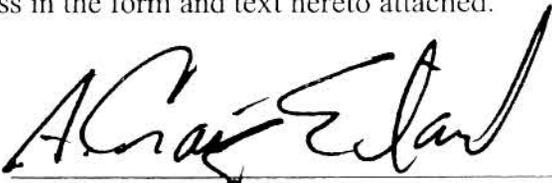


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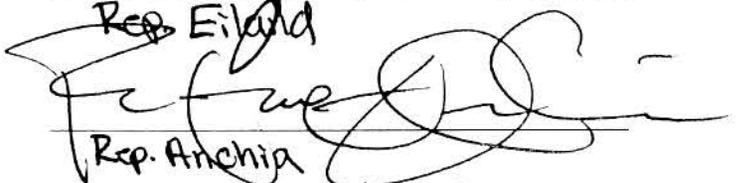
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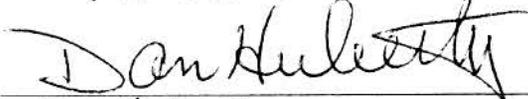
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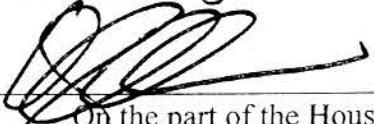
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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 1897

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution
3 control property.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.31, Tax Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

7 (e-1) The executive director shall issue a determination
8 letter required by Subsection (d) to the person seeking the
9 exemption, and the commission shall take final action on the
10 initial appeal under Subsection (e) if an appeal is made, not later
11 than the first anniversary of the date the executive director
12 declares the application to be administratively complete.

13 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is amended by
14 adding Section 11.311 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 11.311. TEMPORARY EXEMPTION: LANDFILL-GENERATED GAS
16 CONVERSION FACILITIES. (a) This section applies only to real and
17 personal property that is used in the manner described by
18 Subsection (b) on January 1, 2014.

19 (b) A person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of
20 the real and personal property the person owns that is located on or
21 in close proximity to a landfill and is used to:

22 (1) collect gas generated by the landfill;

23 (2) compress and transport the gas;

24 (3) process the gas so that it may be:

1 (A) delivered into a natural gas pipeline; or

2 (B) used as a transportation fuel in
3 methane-powered on-road or off-road vehicles or equipment; and

4 (4) deliver the gas:

5 (A) into a natural gas pipeline; or

6 (B) to a methane fueling station.

7 (c) Property described by this section is considered to be
8 property used as a facility, device, or method for the control of
9 air, water, or land pollution.

10 (d) This section expires December 31, 2015.

11 SECTION 3. Section 42.43, Tax Code, is amended by adding
12 Subsections (j) and (k) to read as follows:

13 (j) A property owner is not entitled to a refund under this
14 section resulting from the final determination of an appeal of the
15 denial of an exemption under Section 11.31, wholly or partly,
16 unless the property owner is entitled to the refund under
17 Subsection (a) or has entered into a written agreement with the
18 chief appraiser that authorizes the refund as part of an agreement
19 related to the taxation of the property pending a final
20 determination by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
21 under Section 11.31.

22 (k) Not later than the 10th day after the date a property
23 owner and the chief appraiser enter into a written agreement
24 described by Subsection (j), the chief appraiser shall provide to
25 each taxing unit that taxes the property a copy of the agreement.
26 The agreement is void if a taxing unit that taxes the property
27 objects in writing to the agreement on or before the 60th day after

1 the date the taxing unit receives a copy of the agreement.

2 SECTION 4. Section 403.302(d), Government Code, is amended
3 to read as follows:

4 (d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" means
5 the market value of all taxable property less:

6 (1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead
7 exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax
8 Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school
9 district;

10 (2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any
11 residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax
12 Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school
13 district;

14 (3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted
15 before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements
16 authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

17 (4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount
18 of any captured appraised value of property that:

19 (A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or
20 before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the
21 boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and
22 the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment
23 fund by a school district are described in a written notification
24 provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone
25 to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner
26 provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31,
27 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries

1 existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to
2 the property regardless of when made;

3 (B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment
4 fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone
5 financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or
6 before September 1, 1999; and

7 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under
8 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

9 (5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraised
10 value of property that:

11 (A) is within a reinvestment zone:

12 (i) created on or before December 31, 2008,
13 by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and

14 (ii) the project plan for which includes
15 the alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of a
16 structure that is included on the National Register of Historic
17 Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone
18 be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities
19 or for affordable housing;

20 (B) generates school district taxes that are paid
21 into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and

22 (C) is eligible for tax increment financing under
23 Chapter 311, Tax Code;

24 (6) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted
25 under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code;

26 (7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate
27 of the market value and the productivity value of land that

1 qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity,
2 except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may
3 not exceed the fair market value of the land;

4 (8) the portion of the appraised value of residence
5 homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under
6 Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not
7 imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as
8 if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value
9 required by law;

10 (9) a portion of the market value of property not
11 otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of:

12 (A) action required by statute or the
13 constitution of this state, other than Section 11.311, Tax Code,
14 that, if the tax rate adopted by the district is applied to it,
15 produces an amount equal to the difference between the tax that the
16 district would have imposed on the property if the property were
17 fully taxable at market value and the tax that the district is
18 actually authorized to impose on the property, if this subsection
19 does not otherwise require that portion to be deducted; or

20 (B) action taken by the district under Subchapter
21 B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code, before the expiration of the
22 subchapter;

23 (10) the market value of all tangible personal
24 property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or
25 individual and not held or used for the production of income;

26 (11) the appraised value of property the collection of
27 delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.06, Tax

1 Code;

2 (12) the portion of the appraised value of property
3 the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under
4 Section 33.065, Tax Code; and

5 (13) the amount by which the market value of a
6 residence homestead to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies
7 exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under
8 that section.

9 SECTION 5. The legislature finds that current unique market
10 forces are a deterrent to landfill methane capture, and the limited
11 exemption in Section 11.311, Tax Code, as added by this Act, will
12 prevent the loss of facilities that help the state in reducing
13 pollution. The legislature further finds that the addition of
14 Section 11.311, Tax Code, is not an expression of legislative
15 opinion regarding current rules adopted by the Texas Commission on
16 Environmental Quality relating to the qualification of property for
17 an exemption from taxation under Section 11.31, Tax Code.

18 SECTION 6. Not later than September 1, 2014, the Texas
19 Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules to implement
20 Section 11.31(e-1), Tax Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 7. Section 42.43(k), Tax Code, as added by this Act,
22 applies only to an agreement between a property owner and a chief
23 appraiser entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

24 SECTION 8. Section 11.311, Tax Code, as added by this Act,
25 applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on
26 or after January 1, 2014.

27 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 11.31(i), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

No equivalent provision.

(i) A person seeking an exemption under this section shall provide to the chief appraiser at the time an application for the exemption is filed in accordance with Section 11.43 a copy of the letter issued by the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under Subsection (d), or a copy of the final letter issued by the executive director under Subsection (e) if the determination is appealed under that subsection, determining that the facility, device, or method is used wholly or partly as pollution control property. The chief appraiser shall accept a final determination by the executive director as conclusive evidence that the facility, device, or method is used wholly or partly as pollution control property. Notwithstanding Section 41.41(a)(4), a property owner is not entitled to a remedy for the denial of an exemption for pollution control property, in whole or in part, and is not entitled to an exemption for any period that precedes the property owner's compliance with the requirements of this subsection.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply to

SENATE VERSION (IE)

(Unless otherwise indicated, all SECTIONS below are from FA1)

SECTION 1. Section 11.31, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) The executive director shall issue a determination letter required by Subsection (d) to the person seeking the exemption, and the commission shall take final action on the initial appeal under Subsection (e) if an appeal is made, not later than the first anniversary of the date the *person submits the information required by Subsection (c).*

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Same as Senate version except as follows:

(e-1) The executive director shall issue a determination letter required by Subsection (d) to the person seeking the exemption, and the commission shall take final action on the initial appeal under Subsection (e) if an appeal is made, not later than the first anniversary of the date the *executive director declares the application to be administratively complete.*

Same as Senate version.

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any determination under Section 11.31, Tax Code, that becomes final on or after the effective date of this Act. A determination that becomes final before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act do not permit a taxing unit to recover taxes not assessed and collected because of an exemption granted under Section 11.31, Tax Code, before the effective date of this Act.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION __. (a) *The legislature finds that current rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding qualification of property for exemption from taxation under Section 11.31, Tax Code, are consistent with the legislature's desire to exempt only property used, constructed, acquired, or installed wholly or partly to meet or exceed laws, rules, or regulations adopted by any environmental protection agency of the United States, Texas, or a political subdivision of Texas, for the prevention, monitoring, control, or reduction of air, water, or land pollution.* The legislature further finds that current unique market forces are a deterrent to landfill methane capture, and the limited exemption set forth in this section will prevent the loss of facilities that help the state in reducing pollution.
[FA2]

(b) Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Tax Code, is amended by adding Section 11.311 to read as follows:
Sec. 11.311. TEMPORARY EXEMPTION: LANDFILL-

Same as Senate version.

SECTION 5. Same as Senate version except as follows:
The legislature finds that current unique market forces are a deterrent to landfill methane capture, and the limited exemption in Section 11.311, Tax Code, as added by this Act, will prevent the loss of facilities that help the state in reducing pollution. *The legislature further finds that the addition of Section 11.311, Tax Code, is not an expression of legislative opinion regarding current rules adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality relating to the qualification of property for an exemption from taxation under Section 11.31, Tax Code.*

SECTION 2. Same as Senate version.

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GENERATED GAS CONVERSION FACILITIES. (a) This section applies only to real and personal property that is used in the manner described by Subsection (b) on January 1, 2014.
(b) A person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the real and personal property the person owns that is located on or in close proximity to a landfill and is used to:
(1) collect gas generated by the landfill;
(2) compress and transport the gas;
(3) process the gas so that it may be:
(A) delivered into a natural gas pipeline; or
(B) used as a transportation fuel in methane-powered on-road or off-road vehicles or equipment; and
(4) deliver the gas:
(A) into a natural gas pipeline; or
(B) to a methane fueling station.
(c) Property described by this section is considered to be property used as a facility, device, or method for the control of air, water, or land pollution.
(d) This section expires December 31, 2015. [FA2]

No equivalent provision.

(c) Section 403.302(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
(d) For the purposes of this section, "taxable value" means the market value of all taxable property less:
(1) the total dollar amount of any residence homestead exemptions lawfully granted under Section 11.13(b) or (c), Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each school district;
(2) one-half of the total dollar amount of any residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 11.13(n), Tax Code, in the year that is the subject of the study for each

SECTION 4. Same as Senate version.

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school district;

(3) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted before May 31, 1993, within a reinvestment zone under agreements authorized by Chapter 312, Tax Code;

(4) subject to Subsection (e), the total dollar amount of any captured appraised value of property that:

(A) is within a reinvestment zone created on or before May 31, 1999, or is proposed to be included within the boundaries of a reinvestment zone as the boundaries of the zone and the proposed portion of tax increment paid into the tax increment fund by a school district are described in a written notification provided by the municipality or the board of directors of the zone to the governing bodies of the other taxing units in the manner provided by former Section 311.003(e), Tax Code, before May 31, 1999, and within the boundaries of the zone as those boundaries existed on September 1, 1999, including subsequent improvements to the property regardless of when made;

(B) generates taxes paid into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code, under a reinvestment zone financing plan approved under Section 311.011(d), Tax Code, on or before September 1, 1999; and

(C) is eligible for tax increment financing under Chapter 311, Tax Code;

(5) the total dollar amount of any captured appraised value of property that:

(A) is within a reinvestment zone:

(i) created on or before December 31, 2008, by a municipality with a population of less than 18,000; and

(ii) the project plan for which includes the alteration, remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of a structure that is

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included on the National Register of Historic Places and requires that a portion of the tax increment of the zone be used for the improvement or construction of related facilities or for affordable housing;

(B) generates school district taxes that are paid into a tax increment fund created under Chapter 311, Tax Code; and

(C) is eligible for tax increment financing under Chapter 311, Tax Code;

(6) the total dollar amount of any exemptions granted under Section 11.251 or 11.253, Tax Code;

(7) the difference between the comptroller's estimate of the market value and the productivity value of land that qualifies for appraisal on the basis of its productive capacity, except that the productivity value estimated by the comptroller may not exceed the fair market value of the land;

(8) the portion of the appraised value of residence homesteads of individuals who receive a tax limitation under Section 11.26, Tax Code, on which school district taxes are not imposed in the year that is the subject of the study, calculated as if the residence homesteads were appraised at the full value required by law;

(9) a portion of the market value of property not otherwise fully taxable by the district at market value because of:

(A) action required by statute or the constitution of this state, other than Section 11.311, Tax Code, that, if the tax rate adopted by the district is applied to it, produces an amount equal to the difference between the tax that the district would have imposed on the property if the property were fully taxable at market value and the tax that the district is actually authorized to impose on the property, if this subsection does not otherwise require that portion to be deducted; or

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(B) action taken by the district under Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code, before the expiration of the subchapter;

(10) the market value of all tangible personal property, other than manufactured homes, owned by a family or individual and not held or used for the production of income;

(11) the appraised value of property the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.06, Tax Code;

(12) the portion of the appraised value of property the collection of delinquent taxes on which is deferred under Section 33.065, Tax Code; and

(13) the amount by which the market value of a residence homestead to which Section 23.23, Tax Code, applies exceeds the appraised value of that property as calculated under that section. [FA2]

No equivalent provision.

(d) *This section* applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this section. [FA2]

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, this section takes effect January 1, 2014. [FA2]

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. Section 42.43, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsections (j) and (k) to read as follows:

(j) A property owner is not entitled to a refund under this section resulting from the final determination of an appeal of the denial of an exemption under Section 11.31, wholly or partly, unless the property owner is entitled to the refund

SECTION 8. Substantially the same as Senate version except as follows:

Section 11.311, Tax Code, as added by this Act, applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

SECTION 3. Same as Senate version.

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under Subsection (a) or has entered into a written agreement with the chief appraiser that authorizes the refund as part of an agreement related to the taxation of the property pending a final determination by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under Section 11.31.

(k) Not later than the 10th day after the date a property owner and the chief appraiser enter into a written agreement described by Subsection (j), the chief appraiser shall provide to each taxing unit that taxes the property a copy of the agreement. The agreement is void if a taxing unit that taxes the property objects in writing to the agreement on or before the 60th day after the date the taxing unit receives a copy of the agreement.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 3. Not later than September 1, 2014, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules to implement Section 11.31(e-1), Tax Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 6. Same as Senate version.

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 4. Section 42.43(k), Tax Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an agreement between a property owner and a chief appraiser entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 7. Same as Senate version.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

SECTION 9. Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2013

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1897** by Eiland (Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution control property.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 11.31 of the Tax Code, related to pollution control property exemption, to require the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to issue a determination letter to the person seeking a pollution control property exemption and require TCEQ to take final action on an initial appeal of the pollution control property exemption determination not later than the first anniversary of the date the executive director of the TCEQ declares the application to be administratively complete.

The bill would amend Section 42.43 of the Tax Code related to refunds resulting from district court appeals to prohibit a property owner from receiving a refund resulting from a district court appeal of a pollution control exemption denial unless the property owner is entitled to the refund under existing law [Section 42.43(a)] or has entered into a written agreement with the chief appraiser as part of an agreement related to the taxation of the pollution control property pending a final determination by TCEQ. Not later than the 10th day after the date a property owner and the chief appraiser enter into the written agreement, the chief appraiser would be required to provide each affected taxing unit a copy of the agreement.

This bill would amend Chapter 11 of the Tax Code, related to taxable property and exemptions, to add new Section 11.311 to provide a temporary property tax exemption for real and personal property located in or in close proximity to a landfill and used to collect, compress, transport, process and deliver gas generated by the landfill into a pipeline or methane fueling station (landfill methane capture property). Landfill methane capture property used as described above would be considered to be property used as a facility, device, or method for the control of air, water, or land pollution. The exemption would apply only to property used as landfill methane capture property on January 1, 2014, and would expire on December 31, 2015. The exempted landfill methane capture property value would not be deducted in the Comptroller's property value study.

The bill's provisions related to TCEQ pollution control property exemption determinations and refunds would not affect taxable property values, tax rates, collection rates, or any other variable which might affect the revenues of units of local governments or the state.

The bill's temporary exemption of property located in or in close proximity to a landfill and used

to collect, compress, transport, process and deliver gas generated by the landfill into a pipeline or methane fueling station would cause a fiscal impact on units of local government in fiscal 2015 and 2016. Because there would be no deduction in the Comptroller's property value study that determines the taxable values used for school funding purposes, there would be no cost to the state.

Information from TCEQ indicates that one company filed an application for a pollution control property exemption determination on methane capture and associated equipment that did not qualify for the pollution control exemption under current law (Section 11.31, Tax Code). This property would be likely to qualify under the bill. The company's reported cost of this property was about \$10 million. At a typical school district tax rate the property tax revenue loss to a school district over the two-year period specified by the bill, should this amount be exempted, would be about \$260,000. The amount of other property that would qualify on January 1, 2014 for the two-year property tax exemption under the bill is unknown. Consequently, the fiscal impact to school districts or other local taxing units cannot be estimated.

Local Government Impact

The bill's temporary exemption of property located in or in close proximity to a landfill and used to collect, compress, transport, process and deliver gas generated by the landfill into a pipeline or methane fueling station would cause a fiscal impact on units of local government in fiscal 2015 and 2016.

Information from TCEQ indicates that one company filed an application for a pollution control property exemption determination on methane capture and associated equipment that did not qualify for the pollution control exemption under current law (Section 11.31, Tax Code). This property would be likely to qualify under the bill. The company's reported cost of this property was about \$10 million. At a typical school district tax rate the property tax revenue loss to a school district over the two-year period specified by the bill, should this amount be exempted, would be about \$260,000.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality

LBB Staff: UP, RB, SD, SJS, KK

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

TAX/FEE EQUITY NOTE

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May 25, 2013

TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1897** by Eiland (Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution control property.), **Conference Committee Report**

Because the bill would not create or impact a state tax or fee, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House as to the general effects of the proposal on the distribution of tax and fee burdens among individuals and businesses.

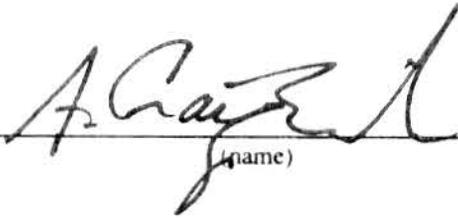
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Certification of Compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires that a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference must be furnished to each member of the committee in person or if unable to deliver in person by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Section 10(a) of this rule. The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Section 10(b) of this rule must contain a certificate that the requirement of this subsection has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the printed copy of the report furnished to each member under Section 10(d) of this rule. Failure to comply with this subsection is not a sustainable point of order under this rule.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on H. B. 1897 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Section 10(b), Rule 13, House Rules of Procedure.



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5/24/13

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