

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB156** by Krusee (Relating to the grant of the power of eminent domain to a regional mobility authority.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Transportation Code by authorizing the governing body of a regional mobility authority (RMA) to exercise the same powers and duties that the Texas Transportation Commission has relating to condemnation of real property in order to fulfill the purpose of the RMA. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

**Local Government Impact**

If an RMA were to exercise eminent domain, the cost to the RMA would vary depending on the amount determined by the court for the RMA to pay the owner of the property, but the cost would likely have been included in the estimated cost of the project and paid out of the monies budgeted.

Currently, only one RMA has been established, but no meetings or projects have occurred.

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