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TO: Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1150 by Puente (Relating to financing of certain local water, conservation, and open-space projects in accordance with the law governing sports and community venue projects.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 334, Local Government Code, to add to the definition of "venue" a watershed protection and preservation project; a conservation easement; an open-space preservation project; and a recharge, recharge area, or recharge feature protection project as being authorized under statute governing sports and community venue projects. A municipality or county would be authorized to use revenue derived from ad valorem taxes to construct, operate, maintain, or renovate a municipal parks and recreation system or the types of projects added by the provisions of the bill. Additionally, water obtained as a result of an acquisition of property for a project as added by the bill, may be used only for the maintenance of that property.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

The change in Chapter 334, Local Government Code, would create the same change in definition of "venue" for Chapter 335; both chapters address projects undertaken by sports and community venue districts. Adding another type of venue would expand options for the districts. Authorizing the use of ad valorem taxes for certain projects would provide an additional funding mechanism. The positive fiscal impact would vary depending on the project.

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