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TO: Honorable Phil King, Chair, House Committee on Regulated Industries

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1750 by Thompson (Relating to disclosure of price information in a written advertisement for certain communications services or equipment; providing a civil penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add Section 35.58 to Chapter 35, Subchapter D, the Business and Commerce Code requiring at least nine-point type in displayed or published written advertisements containing pricing information for satellite services, wireless telephone services, internet access services provided by use of a wireless telephone, satellite television receiver dish, receivers or decoder, or other equipment in conjunction with services that are provided to another person through this equipment. Violators are liable in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 in civil penalties for each violation and for each day of continuing violation. The attorney general or the prosecuting attorney in the county in which the violation occurs may bring suit to recover civil penalties. The attorney general may bring action in the name of the State of Texas to restrain or enjoin a person from violating Section 35.58. This Act takes effect on September 1, 2003 and applies only to a written advertisement published or displayed on or after September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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