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TO: Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2299 by Edwards (Relating to the issuance of Texas Juneteenth special license plates.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to issue specially designed "Texas Juneteenth" license plates for passenger cars and light trucks. The bill would require the plates to be designed according to specifications in the bill; that TxDOT design the plates in consultation with the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission; and that applicants would submit a \$30 annual fee in addition to other registration fees. The bill would require \$22 to be deposited to the credit of a newly created General Revenue dedicated account to be used by the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission System for the purposes of supporting programs and activities identified in the bill and \$8 to be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund to administer provisions of the bill. The bill would allow a vehicle owner to replace plates that were lost, stolen, or mutilated by paying TxDOT the fee prescribed in the bill. The bill would require a vehicle owner to return the special plates to TxDOT, if the owner disposes of the vehicle during the registration year.

No significant fiscal implication is anticipated due to the estimated number of license plate issuances.

Because the legislation would create a dedicated revenue account in the General Revenue Fund, the account included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current legislature.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

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

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