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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2384 by Hegar (Relating to the unauthorized use of toll roads in certain counties.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize counties that are adjacent to a county that has a population of 3.3 million or more to prohibit operation of a motor vehicle on certain county toll projects if an operator has failed to pay a toll or charge on a toll road in the county. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Under current statute, only a county with a population of more than 3.3 million (Harris County) is authorized to prohibit use of a toll road by operators who have not paid. The bill would add the counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller as having this authorization. Of these seven counties, Fort Bend indicates that the county intends to establish a toll road project and that implementation and enforcement of the provisions of the bill would not create a significant fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

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

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