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TO: Honorable Bill Ratliff, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB7 by Wentworth (Relating to the recognition of a same-sex marriage or a civil union.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

State fiscal impact cannot be determined.

The bill would amend Subchapter C, Chapter 6, Family Code, by adding Section 6.204, which defines civil union as any relationship status that grants to the parties of the relationship the same legal protections, benefits, and responsibilities as are granted to the spouses of marriage. The bill would deny recognition to any same sex marriage or civil union.

The fiscal impact of this bill to the State of Texas cannot be determined, because the bill would negate a possible action of the state that could have an undetermined fiscal impact in the future.

Local Government Impact

Impact to units of local government cannot be determined.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 323 Teacher Retirement System, 327 Employees Retirement System, 338 Pension Review Board, 529 Health and Human Services Commission

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