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TO: Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Infrastructure Development and Security

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB663 by Ogden (Relating to an additional cost on conviction of an offense for roadway safety and traffic enforcement.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB663, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$22,300,000 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$3,531,000
2005	\$18,769,000
2006	\$20,749,000
2007	\$22,930,000
2008	\$25,339,000

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2004	\$3,531,000
2005	\$18,769,000
2006	\$20,749,000
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Fiscal Analysis

This bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to implement a \$2.50 court cost on felony and misdemeanor convictions. The court clerk would remit the court costs to the Comptroller after deducting a 10 percent timely remittance collection fee. The Comptroller would credit 20 percent of the revenue to the Center for Transportation Safety at Texas A&M University and the remainder to the Department of Public Safety.

Methodology

Estimates of the increased revenues from the new court cost were based on estimated court cost revenue data from the 2004-05 Biennial Revenue Estimate, adjusted for offenses committed and

adjudicated after the effective date and deducting the 10 percent administration fee that would be retained by local governments. Revenues to local governments were based on the 10 percent collection fee for timely remittal to the Comptroller.

Local Government Impact

Local units of government would have a corresponding positive fiscal impact (revenue gain) from the additional court cost on felony and misdemeanor convictions for timely remittance to the state Comptroller. Estimated revenue to local government is \$392,000 in FY 2004, \$2,086,000 in FY 2005, \$2,306,000 in FY 2006, \$2,548,000 in FY 2007, and \$2,816,000 in FY 2008.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller Of Public Accounts, 405 Department Of Public Safety
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