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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: SB1231 by Estes (Relating to the issuance of special "United We Stand" 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 to issue specially designed patriotic license plates for passenger cars and light trucks bearing the words "United We Stand". The bill would require the plates to be designed according to specifications in the bill and applicants to submit a \$30 annual fee in addition to other registration fees. The bill would require \$10 to be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund and \$20 to be deposited to the credit of a newly created General Revenue dedicated Texas Military Preparedness Grant account. The bill would also require lost, stolen or mutilated license plates to be replaced for a fee of \$30 in addition to other fees.

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, if another Act of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, creates the Texas Military Preparedness Grant Account and becomes law; otherwise, the bill would have no effect.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

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