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TO: Honorable Robert Talton, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1689 by Gallegos (Relating to the relocation or replacement of a water or sanitation sewer lateral on private property by a home-rule municipality.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a municipality, when exercising its home-rule powers for the purpose of relocating or replacing a water or sanitation sewer lateral on private property to restore the property to the condition existing before the replacement or relocation. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

Because current statute requires the property owner to pay for the total cost of a relocation or replacement of a sewer lateral or water lateral, and because the property owner is allowed five years from the date the work is completed to repay the cost, the municipality would initially incur the costs associated with restoring the condition of the property, but would recoup those costs over a five-year period.

Local Government Impact

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

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