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TO: Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB219 by Howard (Relating to a sign advertising or identifying a sexually oriented business; providing civil and criminal penalties.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 46, Business & Commerce Code by adding Section 46.005 (a) through (e). The bill would limit outdoor signs advertising or identifying a sexually oriented business to not more than two on-premise signs not to exceed 40 square feet in size and including only the business's name, street address, telephone number, and operating hours.

The proposed legislation may result in new complaints, investigations, or cases by the Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection & Public Health Division; however, due to the discretionary language, it is projected that this increase can be absorbed with current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. As the criminal penalties would be class B misdemeanors, they would not be involved in prosecutions under this bill.

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