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TO: Honorable Todd Staples, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB1672 by Howard (Relating to disposition of costs imposed in connection with the collection and enforcement of certain tolls.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a county with a population of less than 3.3 million that is adjacent to a county with a population of 3.3 million to deposit into the county's general fund money collected in extra court costs upon conviction of a toll violation. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005.

Under current statute, only a county with 3.3 million or more (Harris County) or a county that is adjacent to that county may impose an extra court cost fee of \$1 for conviction of a toll violation, and the county must deposit the money into a special fund within the county treasury for specific uses. The proposed change in statute would authorize the counties adjacent to Harris County to deposit the money collected into the county's general fund and would not specify its use. Provisions of current statute would continue to apply to Harris County.

Local Government Impact

The proposed change in statute would not affect the amount of revenue an applicable county collects, but would provide flexibility in the use of that revenue in those counties.

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

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