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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB2257 by Gallego (Relating to the speed limit on certain highways in rural counties.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to increase from 75 to 80 miles-per-hour the existing maximum daytime speed limit on portions of Interstate Highway 10 and Interstate Highway 20 located in the counties of Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton, or Ward if the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) determines it to be a safe and reasonable speed for that part of the highway system.

The bill would authorize TTC to establish a daytime speed limit of 75 miles per hour on a segment of the highway system located in a county with a population density of less than 15 persons per square mile.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Transportation, it is assumed any costs and duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or otherwise on September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

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