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TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Chair, House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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

IN RE: HB2728 by Flores (Relating to the authority of certain development corporations to undertake projects for sewage or solid waste facilities, recycling facilities, or air or water pollution control facilities.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 2(11) of the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (the Act) found in Article 5190.6, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes to allow a city or county development corporation to fund infrastructure for new or expanded business enterprises, including projects for airports, ports, mass commuting facilities, parking facilities, other transportation facilities, sewage or solid waste facilities, recycling facilities, or air or water pollution control facilities. In order to be eligible to undertake these type projects, the development corporation must be located in a county bordering the Rio Grande that has at least four cities with a population of at least 25,000 each and a combined population of at least 500,000.

According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the only county in the state bordering the Rio Grande that has four cities with a population of at least 25,000 is Hidalgo County. The following cities meet this initial criteria: McAllen (106,414); Edinburg (48,465); Pharr (46,660); and Mission (45,408). The combined population of these cities is only 246,947, and would therefore not meet the criteria.

Under the criteria established in the bill, no development corporation would qualify and as a result this bill would have no impact on local governments.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment, assuming that it received the requisite two-thirds majority votes in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, it would take effect on September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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