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TO: Honorable Carlos Uresti, Chair, House Committee on Government Reform

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

IN RE: HB3047 by Veasey (Relating to emergency communication districts participation in state travel services contracts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow emergency communication districts to utilize travel service contracts established by the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC). TBPC would be authorized to charge a participating district a fee not to exceed the costs incurred by TBPC for providing those services. The fee would be deposited into a newly established a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund – Districts Airline Fares Account. Funds in the account could be appropriated only for operating the travel program. The additional fees would be nominal and not present a significant fiscal impact to the state.

Because the legislation would create a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, the account included in the bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current legislature.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. Emergency communication districts may see a reduction in travel costs as a result of their participation in the air and travel agency contracts. Each emergency communication district's cost savings would depend on the amount of business travel conducted.

Source Agencies: 303 Building and Procurement Commission

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