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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on S/C on Emerging Technologies & Economic Dev.

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

IN RE: SB96 by Shapleigh (Relating to the provision of online services to assist a person starting a business in this state.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB96, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$208,698) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$104,349)
2007	(\$104,349)
2008	(\$104,349)
2009	(\$104,349)
2010	(\$104,349)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005
2006	(\$104,349)	2.0
2007	(\$104,349)	2.0
2008	(\$104,349)	2.0
2009	(\$104,349)	2.0
2010	(\$104,349)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the business permit office in the Trusteed Programs Within the Office of the Governor, Economic Development and Tourism Division, to establish and maintain a website accessible on TexasOnline that enables a person to obtain and electronically submit a comprehensive permit application and a common permit application. The bill also requires that the website provide information regarding the status of a person's business permit application and links to Texas Business and Community Economic Development Clearinghouse and the Comptroller' Office.

The bill requires the business permit office to develop a common permit application that is based on information that is generally required on permit applications. The business permit office is also required to create a database of the information submitted on the common permit application and

make such a database accessible to certain state agencies.

Methodology

Currently, the contractor for TexasOnline services, BearingPoint, would cover the costs for the development of the online permit applications. However, this would delay total cost recovery for BearingPoint and delay the percentage increase in the State's share of revenue generated from TexasOnline.

Section 3 of the bill requires the business permit office to develop a common permit application and create a database. This would result in a cost of \$104,349 per fiscal year for salaries, benefits, and travel costs for an additional Program Administrator and Information Specialist at the Office of the Governor.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 313 Department of Information Resources

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