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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: SB147 by Wentworth (Relating to the exception from required disclosure under the public information law of certain audit working papers.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to include in the definition of "audit," for public information purposes, an audit authorized by the charter or an ordinance of a municipality or an order of the commissioners court of a county. The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds vote in both houses; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2005 and would apply only to an audit working paper created on or after the effective date.

Under current statute, the public information act applies to working papers from audits authorized or required by state statute or U.S. statute.

Local Government Impact

Implementation of the proposed addition to statute could reduce the number of documents a local entity may have to copy for requestors.

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

Source Agencies:

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