

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on International Relations & Trade

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

**IN RE: SB185** by Lucio (Relating to the powers and duties of the border commerce coordinator.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b> for SB185, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$297,232) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.
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**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$148,616)
2007	(\$148,616)
2008	(\$148,616)
2009	(\$148,616)
2010	(\$148,616)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005
2006	(\$148,616)	2.0
2007	(\$148,616)	2.0
2008	(\$148,616)	2.0
2009	(\$148,616)	2.0
2010	(\$148,616)	2.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code to modify the powers and duties of the Border Commerce Coordinator, establish the Border Inspection, Trade, and Transportation Advisory Committee, and also establish a trade and commerce plan. The bill also would require the Border Commerce Coordinator to work with local entities and state universities to conduct annual conferences at no cost to the coordinator. As directed by the bill, costs associated with the expanded duties of the Border Commerce Coordinator would be funded out of the Secretary of State's existing appropriations.

**Methodology**

Estimated costs include two additional full-time equivalent (FTE's), travel costs to the Texas-Mexico border region as well as travel to Mexico and Washington, D.C.

The estimate assumes the bill takes effect September 1, 2005. If the bill were to take effect immediately, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated for fiscal year 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 301 Office of the Governor, 307 Secretary of State, 405 Department of Public Safety,  
601 Department of Transportation, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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