

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 29, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

**IN RE: SB574** by Armbrister (Relating to requirements for the issuance of land development permits by political subdivisions. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Chapter 245, Local Government Code, relating to issuance of local permits as they pertain to landscaping or tree preservation, open space, park dedication, or property classification. The bill would waive a political subdivision's immunity from suit in regard to an action under Chapter 245. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

The amendments regarding issuance of permits would have an insignificant fiscal impact. If a suit arises, waiving a political subdivision's immunity from suit would lead to incurring legal costs and, if the entity loses the suit, the costs of paying damages.

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