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TO: Honorable Frank Madla, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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, or park dedication. 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

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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