

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

**IN RE: SB821** by Lindsay (Relating to an administrative cost for the enforcement of the collection of tolls in certain counties.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would add Section 284.0691 to the Transportation Code to authorize a county with a population of 3.3 million or more to impose, in addition to other costs, \$1 as an administrative cost associated with collecting a toll or charge for each event of nonpayment of a required toll or charge imposed under Section 284.069, Transportation Code. The bill would establish how those funds must be administered and used. In a county with a population of 3.3 million or more (Harris County), the administrative cost shall be deposited into the county treasury in a special fund administered by the county attorney or district attorney. In smaller counties, the money collected shall be deposited into the county's general fund.

Under current statute, in Harris County, a hearing must first be held before the administrative cost is collected, and in all applicable counties, money collected for the administrative cost is deposited into a special fund.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005, and would apply only to an event of nonpayment of a toll or charge that occurs on or after that date.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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