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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: SB1293 by Deuell (Relating to prohibiting wireless Internet access to obscene materials on public property.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1293, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$154,200) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$78,840)
2007	(\$75,360)
2008	(\$75,360)
2009	(\$75,360)
2010	(\$75,360)

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	(\$78,840)	1.0
2007	(\$75,360)	1.0
2008	(\$75,360)	1.0
2009	(\$75,360)	1.0
2010	(\$75,360)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require a state agency that provides wireless Internet access on state property to prohibit wireless access to obscene materials. The bill requires the Department of Information Resources (DIR) to assist a state agency in prohibiting wireless access to obscene materials, including prohibiting access by using a filter or other software. The bill prohibits wireless access to obscene materials at a correctional facility. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that DIR will act in an advisory capacity to state agencies and will require 1 full-time-equivalent position to fulfill this requirement. Estimated costs for this FTE include \$50,000 in annual salary and \$4,500 in travel costs. It is estimated that the purchase of filters or other software could be absorbed within current state agencies' budgets.

Technology

State agencies that provide wireless Internet access would be required to purchase a filter or other software to prevent access to obscene material.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 313 Department of Information Resources

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