

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 5, 2007**

**TO:** Honorable Helen Giddings, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

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

**IN RE: HB70** by Leibowitz (Relating to restrictions on the prices of certain consumer goods and services during an abnormal disruption of the market.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
--

The bill would create a new violation of the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act by prohibiting the sale of essential consumer goods or services at an excessive price during an abnormal disruption of the market and is subject to action exclusively by the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection and Public Health Division.

The bill would likely result in new complaints, investigations or cases by the Office of the Attorney General; however, any costs associated with the implementation of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General

**LBB Staff:** JOB, JRO, JM