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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB617 by Quintanilla (Relating to requiring counties to adopt residential building codes; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 320, Tax Code, by adding Subchapter B relating to building codes in counties. The bill would require the commissioners court of a county to adopt and enforce a building code for single-family dwellings located in the unincorporated area of the county. The commissioners court would be authorized to impose a fee for any associated inspection, permit, or other authorization.

The county attorney or the prosecuting attorney representing the county in district court would be authorized to bring suit to provide the county injunctive relief to prevent the violation or threatened violation of an adopted building code order. A violation would be a Class C misdemeanor.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives the required two-thirds majority vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

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