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TO: Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB1279 by Deshotel (Relating to the requirement that a detector for certain traffic-actuated electric traffic-control devices register the presence of a motorcycle.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require that traffic-actuated electric traffic-control signals be capable of registering the presence of a motorcycle.

According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), all traffic-actuated electric traffic-control signals are designed to sense the presence of motorcycles and are therefore in compliance with the requirements of the bill. The agency reports, however, that due to an increase in motorcycles being built with lighter materials, the sensitivity of the signals periodically needs to be retuned. TxDOT already makes these adjustments as needed and therefore estimates implementation would not have a fiscal impact.

Local Government Impact

If the traffic-actuated electric traffic-control signals installed by local governments are already in compliance with the provisions of the bill, there would be little or no fiscal impact for ensuring the proper sensitivity level is maintained. According to TxDOT, the cost to adjust the sensitivity level to register the presence of a motorcycle on older equipment is between \$800 and \$1500 per device.

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