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TO: Honorable Tracy King, Chair, House Committee on Border & International Affairs

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

IN RE: HB1430 by Alonzo (Relating to the creation of the Bureau for Economic Development and Hispanic Studies.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1430, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$565,792) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$295,626)
2009	(\$270,166)
2010	(\$270,166)
2011	(\$270,166)
2012	(\$270,166)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2008	(\$295,626)
2009	(\$270,166)
2010	(\$270,166)
2011	(\$270,166)
2012	(\$270,166)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2007
2008	4.0
2009	4.0
2010	4.0
2011	4.0
2012	4.0

Fiscal Analysis

This bill creates the Bureau for Economic Development and Hispanic Studies (bureau) that consists of 18 members appointed by the governor with its main office in Dallas. The bill requires the bureau to hold at least one meeting each calendar quarter.

The bill requires the bureau to develop proposals for maximizing trade between Texas and Mexico, undertake research to encourage the analysis of public policies affecting Hispanic citizens, and to conduct studies and develop policy proposals on issues of particular interest and importance to Hispanic citizens. The bill also requires the bureau to serve as a clearinghouse of information for other agencies and organizations, and distribute the results of its studies to appropriate agencies and officials, community organizations, private leaders, and the public.

Methodology

The bill requires the bureau to employ an executive director and authorizes the executive director to employ necessary personnel. This analysis assumes one Director I position at an annual cost of \$96,218 (salary and benefits) and 3 Program Specialist I positions at an annual cost of \$51,316 per FTE (salary and benefits) would be required to fulfill the duties of the bureau.

Initial start-up costs in fiscal year 2008 include \$20,000 for office furniture, \$4,000 for computers, and \$1,460 for telecommunication equipment. Recurring annual operating costs include \$16,000 for office space, \$2,000 for travel, \$1,200 for consumables, and \$800 for telecommunication services.

Total cost to General Revenue is estimated at \$295,626 in fiscal year 2008 and \$270,166 in fiscal year 2009.

Technology

Technology costs are estimated at \$4,000 for fiscal year 2008 and include 4 personal computers at \$1,000 each.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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