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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB1471 by Hancock (Relating to resource sharing among certain political subdivisions, including regional planning commissions, during a disaster.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to authorize a local entity to share its resources with another local entity regardless of the process required for sharing resources under an emergency management plan or program or local law in certain disaster circumstances and if the designated individual for both local entities enter into an agreement to share resources. A political subdivision that borrows equipment or other property as authorized in those circumstances would be required to obtain appropriate coverage for the borrowed property for the period in which it is borrowed if requested by the lending political subdivision. Coverage could include insurance coverage obtained as a rider or endorsement to an insurance policy or through a separate insurance policy or obtained through an interlocal agreement.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact would vary by political subdivision depending on the provisions of an agreement, resources shared, the length of time the resources are shared, whether a lending entity requests the borrowing entity provide coverage for the borrowed items, and if so the cost of that coverage. However, it is anticipated that the sharing and providing coverage for borrowed resources would cost less than having to buy needed items in an emergency situation.

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