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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB1521 by Kolkhorst (Relating to the prohibition of signs on certain roads.), **As Passed**
2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code by adding a segment of State Highway 71 and certain highways located in Austin County to those highways to which an off-premise sign is prohibited from being erected if it would be adjacent to or visible from the highway.

The county clerk in an affected county would be required within 45 days of the effective date of the bill to publish in a newspaper notice that the specific parcels of land would be affected by the statute and how to seek exclusion. The county clerk would be required to notify the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in writing by certified mail when the notice is published. The bill would authorize TxDOT to exclude a landowner's property from the prohibition of erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads if the landowner submits an application as provided within the provisions of the bill. The prohibition of signs would take effect on the 91st day after TxDOT receives notification from all appropriate county clerks regarding having posted notice in a newspaper. Notice and exclusion would not apply to property along the designated segment of State Highway 71.

It is assumed that TxDOT and county clerks could implement provisions of the bill utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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