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TO: Honorable Aaron Pena, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB1586 by Flores (Relating to the creation of the offense of illumination of an aircraft by intense light.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 42, Penal Code, by creating as an offense the act of intentionally directing toward an aircraft a laser pointer or other light source that is sufficiently intense to impair the operator's ability to control the aircraft. Directing the light toward an aircraft would be a Class C misdemeanor. If the intensity of the light were to impair the operator's ability to control the aircraft, it would be a Class A misdemeanor.

Local Government Impact

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

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