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TO: Honorable Wayne Smith, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

IN RE: HB2591 by Bonnen (Relating to county improvement of subdivision roads.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 253, Transportation Code, to authorize a county commissioners court to improve a road in a subdivision or an access road to a subdivision in any part of the county. If a road in a subdivision or an access road to a subdivision is located in a municipality, the county would have to obtain permission from the municipality to improve the road.

The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive the required two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2007.

Under current statute, the commissioners court has authority to improve a road in a subdivision or an access road to a subdivision only in the unincorporated area of the county.

Local Government Impact

Because existing statute allows a county commissioners court to assess all or part of the costs for improving the road against the record owners of the affected property, no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

Source Agencies: LBB Staff: JOB, DB