

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jim Keffer, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

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

**IN RE: HB2787** by Paxton (Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain telecommunications equipment.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2787, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$599,140,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009, if the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2007; or a negative impact of (\$529,727,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009, if the effective date of the bill is October 1, 2007.

The table below assumes an effective date of July 1, 2007.

**All Funds, Six-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> <b>1</b>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Cities</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Counties</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Transit Authorities</i>
2007	(\$22,664,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0
2008	(\$280,498,000)	(\$53,861,000)	(\$6,951,000)	(\$18,479,000)
2009	(\$295,978,000)	(\$56,834,000)	(\$7,334,000)	(\$19,499,000)
2010	(\$309,954,000)	(\$59,517,000)	(\$7,681,000)	(\$20,420,000)
2011	(\$325,005,000)	(\$62,407,000)	(\$8,054,000)	(\$21,411,000)
2012	(\$343,057,000)	(\$65,874,000)	(\$8,501,000)	(\$22,601,000)

The table below assumes an effective date of October 1, 2007.

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> <b>1</b>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Cities</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Counties</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Transit Authorities</i>
2008	(\$233,749,000)	(\$40,396,000)	(\$5,213,000)	(\$13,859,000)
2009	(\$295,978,000)	(\$56,834,000)	(\$7,334,000)	(\$19,499,000)
2010	(\$309,954,000)	(\$59,517,000)	(\$7,681,000)	(\$20,420,000)
2011	(\$325,005,000)	(\$62,407,000)	(\$8,054,000)	(\$21,411,000)
2012	(\$343,057,000)	(\$65,874,000)	(\$8,501,000)	(\$22,601,000)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend Chapter 151 of the Tax Code to create a sales tax exemption for machinery, equipment, and software sold to a provider of telecommunications services or used by a provider of telecommunications services.

The bill would take effect July 1, 2007 if it receives two-thirds majority votes in each house; otherwise, it would take effect October 1, 2007.

### **Methodology**

The estimate provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts is based on gathered data from the the U.S. Census Bureau on telecommunications expenditures for machinery, equipment, and software. For the purpose of this analysis, the Comptroller adjusted sales data to reflect sales made in Texas and multiplied the data by the state sales tax rate. The estimates were adjusted for the potential effective dates of July 1, 2007 and October 1, 2007, and extrapolated through fiscal 2012. The Comptroller proportionally estimated the fiscal impacts on units of local government.

### **Local Government Impact**

The fiscal impact to local government is illustrated in the above tables.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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