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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB3560 by Swinford (Relating to the transfer of the primary duties of the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to the comptroller and the General Land Office.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would divide the primary duties and responsibilities of the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) between the Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) and the General Land Office (GLO), and would abolish TBPC. Because the proposed bill provides for transfer of existing appropriation authority, there would be no fiscal impact to the state.

All powers and duties of TBPC that relate to the following areas would be transferred to GLO:

1. charge and control of state buildings, grounds, or property;
2. maintenance or repair of state buildings, grounds, or property;
3. construction of a state building; and
4. the purchase or lease of buildings, grounds, or property by or for the state.

All other powers and duties of TBPC would be transferred to the Comptroller, including:

1. statewide procurement;
2. training and compliance;
3. statewide HUB program;
4. travel procurement;
5. fleet management;
6. surplus property; and
7. support services.

For the 2008-09 biennium, the bill would transfer approximately \$130.6 million and 435 FTEs from TBPC to GLO. During the same period the bill would transfer approximately \$17.4 million and 143 FTEs from TBPC to the Comptroller.

All TBPC employees would become employees of GLO or the Comptroller, as applicable. A management employee of TBPC would not automatically continue to hold a management position. To hold the management position on other than an interim basis the person would have to apply for the position with the applicable office.

All money, contracts, leases, rights, bonds, and obligations of TBPC would be transferred to GLO or the Comptroller, as applicable. All personal property, including records, in the custody of TBPC relating to transferred activities would become the property of GLO or the Comptroller, as applicable. All funds appropriated by the Legislature to TBPC, including funds for providing administrative support for transferred services, would be transferred to GLO or the Comptroller, as applicable.

The bill also contains language concerning the Department of Information Resources' duties and responsibilities relating to telecommunications services for state government. No changes to DIR's current telecommunications activities are anticipated.

The state could realize savings in future years as a result of the passage of the proposed bill once the GLO and Comptroller have fully reviewed individual program operations for reorganization or efficiency improvement opportunities. However, because the bill would transfer all existing appropriation authority and FTEs, there are no anticipated savings in the 2008-09 biennium.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 303 Building and Procurement Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board

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