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TO: Honorable Kino Flores, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

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

IN RE: HJR14 by Chavez (Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to permit certain recognized Indian tribes to conduct gambling or other gaming activity on certain tribal land.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated, other than the cost of publication.

The cost to the state for publication of the resolution is \$77,468.

The resolution would propose a constitutional amendment to allow the Legislature to authorize the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (Tigua) and the Alabama-Coushatta Indian tribes to conduct gambling or other gaming activity on tribal lands.

The proposed amendment would exempt the named tribes from being subject to the gambling prohibitions currently in Article III, Section 47(a) of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment includes no details on the operations of gaming by the named tribes; it would simply grant the tribes the legal right to conduct gaming operations on their tribal reservation lands. The potential fiscal impact would depend on the details of the enabling legislation—and ensuing compact—relating to the timing and scope of operations and the state's share of revenues.

The proposed constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters on November 6, 2007.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 362 Texas Lottery Commission

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