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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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

IN RE: SB213 by Fraser (Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a county hotel occupancy tax and to the rate of the tax.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB213, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	\$0
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Llano County</i>
2008	\$999,000
2009	\$1,038,000
2010	\$1,076,000
2011	\$1,115,000
2012	\$1,152,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Section 352.002(a) of the Tax Code, relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a county hotel occupancy tax and to the rate of that tax. The provisions of the bill would lower the population requirement of 34,000 or more to 15,000 or more in counties bordering Lake Buchanan that are authorized to impose a county hotel occupancy tax.

The bill would amend Tax Code Section 352.003(g) to cap at 2 percent the hotel tax rate for a county meeting the description of Starr County.

Methodology

The change in population requirement would result in adding Llano County to the counties authorized to impose a county hotel occupancy tax. It is not known whether the county would approve a county hotel occupancy tax or at what rate.

Currently, unless otherwise specified, counties authorized to impose a county hotel occupancy tax may not impose the tax at a rate greater than 7 percent. Data on taxable hotel receipts from Llano County was gathered from the Comptroller of Public Accounts tax files. Receipts were multiplied by the 7 percent rate to estimate the potential maximum gain to Llano County. Assuming that the county was to adopt the maximum allowable rate, the maximum potential revenue gain to the county would be \$999,000 in fiscal year 2008, growing to nearly \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2012.

The proposed amendment to Section 352.003(g) would have no fiscal impact to Starr County.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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