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TO: Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: SB669 by Watson (Relating to erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would reenact and amend certain Acts of the Seventy-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, to prohibit erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from roads listed in the bill.

The county clerk in an affected county would be required to notify, within 45 days of the effective date of the bill, each applicable landowner and publish in a newspaper notice that the specific parcels of land would be affected by the statute and how to seek exclusion. The county clerk would be required to notify the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in writing by certified mail when the notice is mailed to the landowners and published. The bill would authorize TxDOT to exclude a landowner's property from the prohibition of erecting an off-premise sign adjacent to and visible from certain roads if the landowner submits an application as provided within the provisions of the bill.

The prohibition of signs would take effect on the 91st day after TxDOT receives notification from all appropriate county clerks regarding having notified landowners.

It is assumed that TxDOT and county clerks could implement provisions of the bill utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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