

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

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

**IN RE: SB900** by Deuell (Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Historical Commission.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill continues the Texas Historical Commission (THC) for 12 years. The bill requires the THC to adopt rules and develop guidelines governing the relationship between the agency and associated nonprofit organizations. It is anticipated that the agency could accomplish this requirement of the bill using existing resources.

The bill requires the agency to develop statewide themes for the historical marker program, limit the number of markers awarded each year, and establish rules for the marker application process. A limit in the number of historical makers awarded could result in a reduction in appropriated receipts received by the agency for the marker program. However, no significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated as these appropriated receipts are used to cover the costs of awarded markers. It is anticipated that the agency could accomplish required changes to the historical marker program using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 808 Historical Commission

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