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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB903 by Brimer (Relating to the continuation and functions of the Office of State-Federal Relations and the administrative attachment of that agency to the office of the governor.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill provides that the Office of State-Federal Relations (OFSR) is administratively attached to the Office of the Governor and that the OSFR is funded by appropriations made to the Office of the Governor.

The bill requires the director of the OSFR to notify the legislative leadership of federal activities relevant to the state, inform the Texas congressional delegation of state activities, conduct frequent conference calls, respond to state and federal requests for information, and coordinate with the Legislative Budget Board regarding effects of federal funding on the state budget.

The bill repeals statute regarding complaint procedures and personnel policies of the OFSR.

The bill provides that the OSFR and the Office of the Governor establish a plan for the administrative attachment of the OSFR to the Office of the Governor.

The bill prohibits OSFR from contracting with federal-level government relations consultants.

The bill requires state agencies to report to the Texas Ethics Commission if the state agency contracts with a federal-level government relations consultant and if the consultant subcontracts the work to another firm or individual.

This analysis assumes \$1,918,452 in All Funds and 7 FTEs appropriated in House Bill 1 as Engrossed will be transferred with the OFSR to the Office of the Governor to perform the duties of the OFSR. It is anticipated that any additional duties required by the bill can be performed using available resources within the Office of the Governor. Therefore, no significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 301 Office of the Governor, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 601 Department of Transportation, 701 Central Education Agency

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