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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB942 by Carona (Relating to the resolution of certain disputes by collaborative law procedures.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to the resolution of certain disputes by collaborative law procedures. The bill would provide, on written agreement, a voluntary procedure for parties and their attorneys to resolve disputes using collaborative law procedures. According to the Office of Attorney General, the bill as proposed would not likely result in new complaints, investigations or case filings, and any additional legal work required could be absorbed within current resources. To the extent these procedures outline provisions for the parties as well as the courts, including notice and status report requirements, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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