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TO: Honorable Rene Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Ways & Means

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

IN RE: HB408 by Isett (Relating to the eligibility of a disabled veteran or surviving spouse to pay ad valorem taxes imposed on a residence homestead in installments.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 31 of the Tax Code, regarding property tax collections, to allow disabled veterans or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran to enter into installment payment agreements with taxing units for the payment of property taxes on their residence homesteads.

Passage of the bill would expand the installment payment option, currently available to 65-and-over and disabled homestead owners. Because the state is constitutionally prohibited from imposing a state property tax, there would be no direct fiscal impact on the state.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2010, and it would apply only to an ad valorem tax year beginning on or after that date.

Local Government Impact

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

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