

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB533** by Anchia (Relating to civil liability for the trafficking of persons.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to civil liability for the trafficking of persons. To the extent the bill creates a new form of civil liability for persons engaged in human trafficking, no significant increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to include a defendant who engages in the trafficking of persons to be liable for civil damages; however, according to the Office of Court Administration, no significant increase in the workload of the courts is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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