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TO: Honorable Todd Hunter, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB533 by Anchia (Relating to civil liability for the trafficking of persons.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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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