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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: HB1569 by Thompson (Relating to equal access to places of public accommodation.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code relating to equal access to places of public accommodation. The bill would provide that a person who operates a place of public accommodation cannot prevent a person from using the accommodation solely because of certain characteristics, such as race, sex, religion, etc., or because a person operates a motorcycle. The bill would also provide injunctive relief and damages. To the extent the bill would amend civil procedures, no increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No 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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