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TO: Honorable Edmund Kuempel, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

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

IN RE: HB2094 by Farrar (Relating to authorizing certain brewers and manufacturers to sell beer and ale to ultimate consumers.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow the holder of a brewer's permit or manufacturer's license, whose combined annual production of ale and beer does not exceed 250,000 barrels, to sell on their premises ale and/or beer to ultimate consumers for consumption on the brewer's premises or in unbroken packages for off-premises consumption. Annual sales to ultimate consumers could be no more than 5,000 barrels.

The comptroller indicates that currently The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission permits 14 brewers and licenses 13 manufacturers, of which fewer than 10 would be affected by this bill. Any sales made by those businesses to ultimate consumers would not have a significant impact on sales or on the revenue from taxes levied on those products.

The bill would take effect upon two-thirds vote in each house. Otherwise, it would take effect on September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission

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