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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB2334 by Geren (Relating to the powers and duties of a regional tollway authority, including the establishment of an administrative adjudication hearing procedure; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code as it applies to a regional tollway authority, including procedures related to contracts, orders related to prohibiting operation of certain motor vehicles, creation of a Class C misdemeanor offense, and establishment of an administrative adjudication hearing procedure when a person is suspected of having violated an order issued by the authority.

Based on a decision by the authority, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) would be authorized to refuse to allow registration of a vehicle.

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated from enforcement or from collection of fines imposed for the Class C misdemeanor.

According to TxDOT, the agency would have to make one-time programming changes to accommodate a new suppression field in the automated system related to denial of vehicle registration. It is assumed that programming costs could be absorbed within existing resources. Based on the recent number of applicable violations, TxDOT estimates an annual loss of revenue to State Highway Fund 6; however, that loss would be small.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Department of Transportation, there is only one regional tollway authority established, which is the North Texas Tollway Authority.

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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