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TO: Honorable Tommy Merritt, Chair, House Committee on Public Safety

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

IN RE: HB2370 by Vaught (Relating to the application of certain concealed handgun license laws to United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys and to the authority of United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys to carry certain weapons.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code as it relates to the application of certain concealed handgun laws to United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys. The bill would require that the holder's license specify his or her status as a United States attorney or assistant attorney and would exempt such holders from certain requirements and fees for obtaining a concealed handgun license. The bill would also exempt United States attorneys and assistant attorneys from the application of Sections 46.02 and 46.03, Penal Code, which outline specifications regarding the unlawful carrying of weapons and places where weapons are prohibited. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009. The Department of Public Safety indicates the bill would require that the Concealed Handgun Licensing Bureau complete some programming to add the US attorney category to "special conditions" in the License to Carry database and through Texas Online, but this analysis assumes that the fiscal and operational impact to the department would not be significant.

Local Government Impact

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

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