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TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: HB2373 by Madden (Relating to garnishment of wages for court-ordered restitution in a criminal judgment.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure relating to garnishment of wages for court-ordered restitution in a criminal judgment. The bill would authorize a court to order the garnishment of a criminal defendant's wages in order to make restitution to the victim of the criminal offense. To the extent the bill would modify court procedures, no increase in judicial workloads or fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect January 1, 2010, contingent on a companion constitutional amendment being approved by the voters.

Local Government Impact

To the extent the bill would result in additional administrative responsibilities for community supervision and corrections departments, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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