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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

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

IN RE: HB2961 by Coleman (Relating to authorizing an increase in the student union fee at the University of Houston.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, the University of Houston System may levy a student union fee in an amount not to exceed \$150 per student for each regular semester or \$75 per student for each summer session. Under current law the university may levy a student union fee in an amount not to exceed \$35 per student for each regular semester or \$17.50 for each summer session. The fee is used for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a Student Union for the University of Houston.

The University estimates that if the fee was collected at the maximum rate provided for under the bill revenue generated would be approximately \$12.1 million per year, a \$9.3 million increase over fiscal year 2009. An increase in the fee from one academic year to the next must be approved by a majority vote of the students voting in an election called for that purpose or by a majority vote of the student government.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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