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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: HB3095 by Harless (Relating to the use of a parking space or area designated specifically for persons with disabilities.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code relating to use of a parking space or area designated for persons with disabilities, as well as procedures, enforcement, and punishments associated with related requirements. In certain situations, fines would be increased. The \$5 fee that accompanies an application for a disabled parking placard would apply only to an application for a temporary placard rather than to all applications for a placard.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reports the agency would incur administrative responsibilities related to implementation. Based on the analysis by TxDOT, it is assumed that associated costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Any increases in fines collected would depend on the number of applicable violations, but is not anticipated to be significant per local government entity.

Any loss in revenue from collecting the \$5 application fee on only temporary placards would vary by local government entity depending on how many permanent placards may have been requested but would no longer include a \$5 fee; however, the loss is not anticipated to be significant.

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