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TO: Honorable Mark Strama, Chair, House Committee on Technology, Economic Development & Workforce

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

IN RE: HB3343 by Bohac (Relating to county participation in the enterprise zone program.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3343, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$9,067,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

This estimated fiscal impact is based on the potential loss in state revenues for a single hypothetical project in the applicable county.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$4,426,000)
2011	(\$4,641,000)
2012	(\$4,868,000)
2013	(\$5,100,000)
2014	(\$5,344,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from Local Government
2010	(\$4,426,000)	(\$3,159,000)
2011	(\$4,641,000)	(\$3,327,000)
2012	(\$4,868,000)	(\$3,493,000)
2013	(\$5,100,000)	(\$3,664,000)
2014	(\$5,344,000)	(\$3,843,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to add a county having a population of 3.3 million or more to those local governmental entities that may, through an enterprise zone program, refund its local sales and use taxes paid by a qualified business on all taxable items purchased for use at the qualified business site related to the enterprise zone project or activity.

Based on the 2000 U.S. Census, the bill would apply only to Harris County.

Methodology

Under the bill, more projects could be eligible for state and local tax rebates. For illustrative purposes

only, the Comptroller of Public Accounts calculated an estimated fiscal impact using a single hypothetical project. The Comptroller estimated taxable receipts for sales and use, hotel, and mixed beverage taxes for a representative hotel based on Comptroller tax files. Taxable sales were multiplied by the state tax rate of 6.25 percent to determine the state sales tax loss to the General Revenue Fund. The fiscal impact on units of local government were estimated proportionally.

Hotel receipts were multiplied by the 6 percent state hotel occupancy tax rate to estimate the loss to the General Revenue Fund and by a representative 7 percent local hotel tax rate to estimate the loss in local hotel tax revenues. General Revenue Fund losses in state mixed beverage tax collections were also estimated and then adjusted for local allocations to estimate the corresponding local losses.

Note: The table above is provided for illustrative purposes only. It represents the potential loss in state and local revenues for a single hypothetical project in the applicable county.

Local Government Impact

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. However, the table shows probable revenue loss to the county under the hypothetical project calculated by the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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