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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: HB3356 by Brown, Betty (Relating to the issuance of AMBER alert system specialty license plates.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3356, As Engrossed: a positive impact of \$13,200 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	\$6,600
2011	\$6,600
2012	\$6,600
2013	\$6,600
2014	\$6,600

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Revenue Gain from State Highway Fund 6	Probable Revenue Gain from Counties
2010	\$6,600	\$2,250	\$150
2011	\$6,600	\$2,250	\$150
2012	\$6,600	\$2,250	\$150
2013	\$6,600	\$2,250	\$150
2014	\$6,600	\$2,250	\$150

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to design and issue specialty license plates to support the statewide AMBER alert system. The bill would specify that the fees from the specialty plates, after the deduction for TxDOT’s administrative costs, are to be deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund and may only be appropriated to the division of emergency management of the Governor’s office to fund activities associated with AMBER alert system.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

Methodology

Based on the information and analysis provided by TxDOT, this analysis assumes 300 of the new specialty license plates would be issued each year at a fee of \$30 each of which \$7.50 would be deposited to the State Highway Fund for TxDOT administrative expenses; \$0.50 would be credited to the counties; and \$22 would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

Based on the analysis of TxDOT and the Governor’s office, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation
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