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TO: Honorable Veronica Gonzales, Chair, House Committee on Border & Intergovernmental Affairs

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

IN RE: HB3929 by Guillen (Relating to subdivision platting requirements in counties near an international border.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to prohibit a person in certain counties from constructing or making a substantial improvement to a structure on tracts of land as described in the bill unless the person obtains a county development permit issued in accordance with the proposed new Section 232.045 and the applicable rules, regulations, or orders of the county in which the development is located. The bill would stipulate requirements and procedures related to the county development permit. Included in the provisions of the bill would be authorization for the county to charge a reasonable fee to cover the costs of administering the issuance of development permits. Fees collected could be used only to defray those costs. The bill would authorize the county to conduct inspections to ensure compliance with an issued permit.

Local Government Impact

The Texas Association of Counties was contacted regarding the fiscal impact of the bill. The association assumes the fee that could be charged for administering the issuance of a development permit "only to defray those costs" would not cover the costs of conducting a compliance inspection; therefore, if an applicable county was to include conducting inspections related to issuing the permit, the county would incur a moderate cost.

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