

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**April 6, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB4508** by Coleman (Relating to creation and duties of a county economic development district.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to change the name of county development districts to county economic development districts and to specify that a district's duties would include promoting economic development. In addition, the bill would change the population bracket that authorizes which counties may create a county economic development district. Under current statute, only a county with a population of 100,000 or less is authorized; under provisions of the bill, any county would be authorized to create a district.

**Local Government Impact**

The fiscal impact would vary by county and would depend on projects chosen by a county that creates a district. At a minimum, a county would incur costs for conducting an election to seek voter approval for the creation of a district. It is assumed that a county would create a district if sufficient resources were available related to the election and other creations procedures and operations and that the anticipated benefits would offset costs.

**Source Agencies:**

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