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**TO:** Honorable Rodney Ellis, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

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

**IN RE: SB266** by Hinojosa (relating to the review of information technology systems used by a state agency for compatibility with open standards.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Records Management Interagency Coordinating Council, in consultation with the Department of Information Resources, to review each agency's existing information technology systems to determine its compatibility with open standards.

The bill would require the Council to consult with and provide assistance to state agencies on: enhancing the state agency's information technology system to achieve compatibility with open standards; identifying and recommending information technology systems that are compatible with open standards; and recognize certain best practices pertaining to open standards.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

In accordance with current Government Code 321.013, all additional duties and responsibilities prescribed by the bill would be proposed in the SAO's annual audit plan for Legislative Audit Committee approval.

It is assumed that any additional responsibilities to implement the provisions of the bill could be absorbed with existing resources. However, depending on the recommendations of the Council on agencies' IT systems there could be significant costs to state agencies to implement the Council's recommendations.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 306 Library & Archives Commission, 308 State Auditor's Office, 313 Department of Information Resources

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