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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

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

IN RE: SB866 by Harris (Relating to the rights and liabilities of the parties in a suit for dissolution of a marriage and certain post-dissolution proceedings.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would repeal Sections 3.007(a), (b), and (f), Family Code; Sections 3.401(1), (2), and (3), Family Code; and Sections 3.403, 3.406(c), 3.407, 3.408, and 3.410, Family Code. The bill would modify the Family Code relating to the rights and liabilities of parties in a divorce suit to permit a court to resolve claims for reimbursement using equitable principles. The bill also would allow a court to award reasonable attorney's fees incurred by a party in a divorce suit against the other party. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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