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TO: Honorable Eddie Lucio, Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on International Relations & Trade

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

IN RE: **SB1373** by Lucio (Relating to the operation and continuation of the law authorizing the issuance of oversize or overweight vehicle permits by certain port authorities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow a port authority that is authorized by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain state highways to retain a portion of fees collected from oversize/overweight vehicle permits issued by the port authority, not to exceed 15 percent of the fees collected, for administrative costs. The remainder of the fee would be deposited to the State Highway Fund and could only be used to provide funds for the maintenance and improvement of applicable state highways. The bill would repeal a statutory requirement for the port authority to make payments to TxDOT to provide funds for the maintenance of applicable state highways.

TxDOT indicates that the provisions of the bill would only apply to an agreement between the department and the Brownsville Navigation District. Based on the analysis of TxDOT, it is assumed the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact to the operations of the department or to revenues deposited to the State Highway Fund.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

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