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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

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

IN RE: SB1629 by Wentworth (Relating to the persons exempted from the required prepayment of the personnel costs incurred by a governmental body in responding to requests from a requestor under the public information law that require large amounts of personnel time.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to add newspapers of general circulation that are published on the Internet and magazines that are either published at least once a week or are on the Internet to the list of entities that may not be charged for public information requests that require large amounts of employee or personnel time. Requestors of the information would have to be individuals for whom a substantial portion of their livelihood or financial gain comes from gathering news or information and who seeks the information for a radio or television station, newspaper, magazine, or other accepted form of information dispensation.

The agencies contacted indicate that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 306 Library & Archives Commission, 307 Secretary of State, 313 Department of Information Resources, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 360 State Office of Administrative Hearings, 405 Department of Public Safety, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 454 Department of Insurance, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 503 Texas Medical Board, 504 Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, 507 Texas Board of Nursing, 513 Funeral Service Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 551 Department of Agriculture, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 601 Department of Transportation, 694 Youth Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 697 Board of Pardons and Paroles, 701 Central Education Agency, 772 School for the Deaf, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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