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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security

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

IN RE: SB1784 by Carona (Relating to the requirement of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for issuance of a driver's license, personal identification certificate, commercial driver's license, or commercial driver learner's permit.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Transportation Code, Chapters 521 and 522 which would require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to maintain suitable indexes, in alphabetical or numerical order that contain the citizenship status of each holder of a license or identification certificate. The bill states DPS shall require applicants for an identification certificate to provide proof of United States citizenship or proof of lawful presence. The bill requires a person who is not a citizen of the United States to present documentation issued by the United States agency responsible for citizenship and immigration authorizing the person to be in the United States. The bill also states DPS shall establish the amount of the fee for issuance of the license or personal identification certificate issued to an applicant who is not a citizen of the United States. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

The bill would establish a fee for licenses or personal identification certificates issued to an applicant who is not a citizen of the United States. The Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) states the fee amounts for the licenses and certificates to be issued to noncitizens by DPS would be set by agency rule. The CPA states because the amount of any particular license or certificate fee is not known, and the number of noncitizens applying for these licenses or certificates is not known, this bill cannot be estimated. This analysis also assumes no significant fiscal impact to DPS.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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