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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: SB2110 by West (Relating to the compulsory inspection of motor vehicles; providing penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 548 of the Transportation Code to state that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) may impose a \$500 administrative penalty for each violation of the statutory requirement for a compulsory inspection of a motor vehicle. The bill states an inspection station and inspectors who violate this provision are liable for a civil penalty between \$250 and \$500 for each violation. The bill also requires each application to be accompanied by a \$500 surety bond. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2009.

The Department of Public Safety and TCEQ anticipate no significant fiscal impact to their agencies.

Local Government Impact

The bill would permit a district or county attorney to file a civil suit in the county in which a violation occurs to recover a penalty or a bond on behalf of the state. No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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