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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: SB2433 by Davis, Wendy (Relating to condemnation of municipal property for and municipal regulation of pipeline operations.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would permit a municipality that receives a notice from a pipeline operator with eminent domain authority seeking to acquire an easement owned by a municipality to not later than 60 days after receipt of a notice take certain actions, including consent to the pipeline placement or suggest an alternative placement. A municipality that proposed an alternative pipeline placement could request that a court make a judgment. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

Local Government Impact

A municipality that chose to seek a court's decision for a pipeline placement could incur additional costs; however, those costs are not anticipated to be significant and would vary depending on the number of proceedings filed by a municipality.

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