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H.B. No. 2578

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the preparation of economic impact statements for
3 legislative measures.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 315.004(a) and (b), Government Code,
6 are amended to read as follows:

7 (a) At the request of the lieutenant governor, the [~~or~~]
8 speaker of the house of representatives, or a member of the
9 legislature, a state agency shall prepare an economic impact
10 statement for any pending bill or joint resolution that directly
11 affects that agency. Preparation of the statement shall be
12 coordinated through the Legislative Budget Board director.

13 (b) The economic impact statement must include:

14 (1) a brief description of the nature and effect of the
15 proposal; [~~and~~]

16 (2) a statement of the manner and extent to which the
17 proposal, if implemented, will directly or indirectly during each
18 of the five [~~two~~] years following its effective date:

19 (A) affect employment in the state, including the
20 number of people affected, the geographic area or areas affected,
21 and the existing level of employment and unemployment in those
22 areas;

23 (B) affect the construction, modification,
24 alteration, or utilization of any structure, equipment, facility,

1 process, or other asset in the state, including the estimated
2 dollar measure of the action and the geographic area or areas
3 affected;

4 (C) result in changes in costs of goods and
5 services in the state;

6 (D) result in changes in revenue and expenditures
7 of state and local governments; and

8 (E) have economic impacts within the state other
9 than those specifically described by this subsection; and

10 (3) a general statement of the analysis described by
11 Subdivision (2) for the remainder of the 20-year period following
12 the proposal's effective date.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.