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TO: Honorable Byron Cook, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

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

IN RE: HB176 by Jackson, Jim (Relating to designating English as the official language of this state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code to designate the English language as the official language of the state. Under the bill's provisions, a state agency or institutions of higher education would not be required to provide documents, publications, or website content in any language other than the official language of the state.

The bill would repeal Government Code provisions requiring state agencies, including institutions of higher education to make a reasonable effort to ensure Spanish speaking persons can meaningfully access agency information online.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 307 Secretary of State, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety, 452 Department of Licensing and Regulation, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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