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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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

IN RE: HB1429 by Deshotel (Relating to rights and remedies of certain residential tenants; providing civil penalties.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Property Code to require a landlord, within three business days of both parties signing a lease, to provide a copy of the lease to a tenant who is a party to the lease. A landlord would also be required to provide a copy of the lease to another tenant within three business days of receiving written notice of request for a copy of the lease from that tenant. The bill would allow a tenant to bring an action against a landlord who fails to comply with either of these requirements.

The bill would prohibit a landlord from retaliating against a tenant for establishing, attempting to establish, or participating in a tenant organization.

It is anticipated that any additional costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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