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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

IN RE: HB1469 by Hernandez Luna (Relating to exempting certain fraternal and veterans organizations from certain bond requirements to obtain an alcoholic beverage permit or license.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code, regarding provisions applicable to permits. The bill would exclude fraternal and veterans organizations from the requirement for businesses located in a county with a population of 1.4 million or more to file a surety bond with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) when applying for or reinstating a permit or license under Chapter 25 (wine and beer retailer's permit) or Chapter 69 (retail dealer's on-premise license) of the Code. Currently, all BG Permits (on or off premise beer and wine permit) and BE Permits (on-premise beer license) located in Dallas, Tarrant and Harris Counties, that do not hold a food and beverage certificate and whose primary business is not food are required to post an initial surety (performance) bond in the amount of \$2,000. The bill would exempt veteran and fraternal organizations from this requirement.

Based on the analysis of the TABC, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission

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