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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: HB1649 by Marquez (Relating to building code standards for new residential construction in the unincorporated area of a county.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code related to building code standards for new residential construction in the unincorporated area of a county. The bill would specify that Subchapter F would apply only to new residential construction in certain counties unless the new residential construction meets certain criteria as defined by the provisions of the bill.

The bill also would require a commissioners court to certify that a new residential construction project meets all applicable building code requirements prior to permanent electric, gas, water, or sewer service utility connection in the project.

Local Government Impact

There could be costs to an applicable county for the issuance of a written certificate of compliance for new residential construction, but the amounts would vary depending on whether the county chose to issue certificates of compliance, the number certificates that are requested and issued and the costs associated with the certificates. It is assumed that a county would require the issuance of certificates of compliance only if sufficient funds were available to cover the costs or it would not result in a negative fiscal impact.

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