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TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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

IN RE: HB1669 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the establishment of an motor vehicle mileage fee pilot program for certain motor vehicles by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to establish the administrative framework to assess a motor vehicle mileage fee (mileage fee) and implement a pilot program to determine the feasibility of implementing a mileage fee. The bill would authorize a person that owns an electric, plug-in hybrid electric, hybrid, or liquefied fuel motor vehicle registered in Dallas or Tarrant County to participate in the optional pilot program and prohibits a program participant from being charged a fee for participation.

The bill would require DMV to consult with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Department of Public Safety (DPS), and Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) to create rules for the pilot program and establish incentives for participation. The bill sets forth that a person participating in the program would have the mileage of their vehicle determined by an odometer reading in a manner specified by DMV. The bill sets forth certain issues DMV would be required to consider in evaluating the feasibility of implementing a mileage fee and requires DMV to submit a report to the legislature no later than October 1, 2014.

The bill would expire December 31, 2014.

DMV is unable to determine how many vehicles registered in Dallas and Tarrant counties would be eligible to participate in the pilot program. Based on the analysis of DMV, it is assumed any costs incurred to implement the bill could be absorbed. This analysis also assumes that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill for TxDOT, DPS, and the CPA could also be covered with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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