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TO: Honorable Aaron Pena, Chair, House Committee on Technology

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

IN RE: HB2520 by Davis, John (Relating to the linking of data regarding specialized technology research projects conducted by general academic teaching institutions and other state agencies.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill relates to the linking of data regarding specialized technology research projects conducted by general academic teaching institutions and other state agencies. The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) would be required to facilitate the linking of data relating to specialized technology research projects that are developed or conducted at general academic teaching institutions, including any research facilities associated with those institutions, and at research facilities of state agencies other than institutions of higher education. The HECB, in consultation with the institutions and agencies would determine the type of projects and research areas to be included and prescribe the level and type of data to be linked. The section would be implemented in phases in regard to participating institutions and agencies and in regard to projects and research areas to be included beginning with national research universities and emerging research universities.

The HECB and each participating institution or agency would execute a memorandum of understanding governing the linkage of data including the sharing of costs regarding implementation. The HECB would establish an advisory committee composed of representatives of participating institutions and agencies to advise and assist the HECB in implementing the section. The HECB and the participating institutions and agencies shall allow access to the linked information consistent with state and federal laws regarding access to public information. Provisions of the bill would be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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