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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: SB86 by Nelson (Relating to municipal contracts for enforcement of outstanding traffic violation arrest warrants.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would repeal Section 702.002 of the Transportation Code that applies Chapter 702 only to a home-rule municipality. The bill would authorize a county tax assessor-collector or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles that is under contract with a municipality for enforcement of outstanding traffic warrants to refuse to register a vehicle.

Local Government Impact

There could be a negative fiscal impact to a county that chose to contract with a municipality and exercise the authority to reject vehicle registrations resulting in a revenue loss.

According to the Williamson County Tax Assessor-Collector, counties that choose to enter into a contract with a municipality and exercise the authority to reject vehicle registrations or renewals could experience a significant fiscal impact for costs associated with additional staffing, time and enforcement.

According to the Texas Municipal League (TML), municipalities that entered into a contract with a county or the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles would experience a positive fiscal impact for revenue from the payment of unpaid traffic fines.

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