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TO: Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Open Government, Select

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

IN RE: SB442 by Wentworth (relating to notice by a governmental entity regarding certain geospatial data products.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code to require a governmental entity to include a notice on each geospatial data product created or hosted by the entity that was not produced by, or under the supervision of, a professional land surveyor. The notice would state that the geospatial data product is for informational purposes only, does not represent an on-the-ground survey, and is an approximate representation of property boundaries. The notice is not required for geospatial data products that do not contain a legal description, do not contain property markers, do not contain the distance and direction of a property line, were prepared only for use in a legal proceeding, or are filed with the clerk of a court or a county clerk.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2011 and applies only to a document printed on or after the effective date.

Local Government Impact

The fiscal impact to local governmental entities would vary depending on the number of maps or mapping data an entity produces that would need to be updated with the required notice.

Source Agencies: 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 313 Department of Information Resources, 464 Board of Professional Land Surveying, 555 Texas AgriLife Extension Service, 576 Texas Forest Service, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 808 Historical Commission, 601 Department of Transportation

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