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TO: Honorable Eddie Lucio Jr., Chair, Senate Committee on International Relations & Trade

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

IN RE: **SB824** by Lucio (Relating to the coordination of rural and small community initiatives.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code related to the coordination of rural and small community initiatives. The bill would authorize the Governor to designate a state rural and small community coordinator to oversee the study, development, implementation, and evaluation of recommendations to improve coordination of state, federal, local, and non-profit programs in rural areas and small communities throughout the state. The bill would authorize the coordinator to appoint advisory committees composed of both private citizens and representatives from state and local governmental entities.

The bill would require entities represented on a rural and small community advisory committee to report quarterly on actions taken by the entity on behalf of the advisory committee or in furtherance of a plan or recommendation adopted by the advisory committee.

The bill would take immediate effect upon receiving the required two-thirds vote of all members in each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 307 Secretary of State, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 357 Texas Department of Rural Affairs, 405 Department of Public Safety, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 551 Department of Agriculture, 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 601 Department of Transportation, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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