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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: SB1816 by Zaffirini (Relating to county and municipal land development regulation.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to require the Secretary of State (SOS) to prescribe a form for a municipality or a county to nominate an area identification as a colonia; and may provide for the review of the area by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the office of the attorney general, or any other appropriate state agency as determined by SOS.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to establish subdivision plat requirements for certain lot sizes.

The bill would add Section 233.902 to Subchapter Z, Chapter 233 of the Local Government Code to require that a utility may not serve or connect any residential structure with permanent water, sewer, electricity, gas, or other utility service unless the utility receives a certificate issued by the commissioners court certifying that the structure complies with all county regulations.

The bill would amend the Water Code to authorize a political subdivision that has adopted the model rules under Section 16.343 to impose platting requirements of Chapter 212 or 232 of the Local Government Code. Before TWDB may consider an application for funds, an applicant must meet certain requirements as defined by the provisions of the bill. Under current statute, TWDB may not consider funds unless a political subdivision adopts and enforces model rules under this section and applicants may not receive funds.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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