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TO: Honorable John Carona, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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

IN RE: SB1848 by Hegar (Relating to the distribution of the emergency service fee for wireless telecommunications connections and the prepaid 9-1-1 emergency service fee.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1848, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2013.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from 911 Service Fees 5050	Probable Revenue Gain from Emergency Service Fee on Wireless Telecommunications Trust Fund 0875
2012	(\$36,703,000)	\$36,703,000
2013	(\$36,703,000)	\$36,703,000
2014	(\$36,703,000)	\$36,703,000
2015	(\$36,703,000)	\$36,703,000
2016	(\$36,703,000)	\$36,703,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the distribution of the emergency service fee for wireless telecommunications connections and the prepaid 9-1-1 emergency fee.

The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) would be required to distribute the wireless service fee to each emergency communication district and regional planning commission.

Emergency communication districts and regional planning commissions would be required to reimburse wireless service providers for certain reasonable expenses.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) would be required to remit to CSEC the wireless service fee and prepaid wireless service fee and CSEC would be required to distribute the money.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2011.

Methodology

It is assumed that the Commission on State Emergency Communications would distribute all the wireless service fees in the Emergency Service Fee on Wireless Telecommunications Trust Fund No. 0875 by the 15th day of each month instead of depositing money into General Revenue-Dedicated 9-1-1 Service Fees Account No. 5050. It is also assumed that appropriations from General Revenue-Dedicated 9-1-1 Service Fees Account No. 5050 would be reduced by the amount distributed to the Regional Planning Commissions out of Emergency Service Fee on Wireless Telecommunications Trust Fund No. 0875. It is anticipated that any costs associated with implementation of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 477 Commission on State Emergency Communications

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