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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB474 by Muñoz, Jr. (Relating to an optional procedure for the issuance of a permit by a certain regional mobility authority for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo; authorizing a fee.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to allow the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on specified roads in Hidalgo County. The bill would authorize the HCRMA to collect a permit fee not to exceed \$80 per trip beginning in fiscal year 2013 and to adjust the fee for inflation annually using an index prescribed by the bill. The fees could be used only for construction and maintenance of the roads specified by the bill and for the regional mobility authority's administrative costs. The bill would require the HCRMA to make payments to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to provide funds for maintenance of the applicable roads. The bill would require the HCRMA to report to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) all permits issued. The bill would authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to enforce the permits.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT, DMV, and DPS, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source Agencies: 601 Department of Transportation, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 405 Department of Public Safety

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