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TO: Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, House Committee On Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB519** by Zerwas (Relating to voluntary donations to the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB519, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$655,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2014	(\$255,000)
2015	(\$400,000)
2016	(\$400,000)
2017	(\$400,000)
2018	(\$400,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from General Revenue Fund	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from Glenda Dawson Donate-Life Texas Registry Fund
2014	1 (\$255,000)	\$255,000
2015	(\$400,000)	\$400,000
2016	(\$400,000)	\$400,000
2017	(\$400,000)	\$400,000
2018	(\$400,000)	\$400,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to create to the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry Fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury to be held by the Comptroller and administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS). Money in the fund would be disbursed at least monthly, without appropriation, by DPS to the nonprofit organization administering the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow county assessor-collectors to deduct reasonable expenses for administering those provisions, up to a maximum of 5 percent of collections.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require DPS to provide for a voluntary donation of \$1 to the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry when a person applies for an original or renewal driver's license, or identification card. The bill would direct DPS to send the donated money to the Comptroller for deposit in the new Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry Fund. DPS could deduct money for reasonable expenses for administering this section up to a maximum of 5 percent. These provisions would take effect January 1, 2014.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment, assuming that it received the requisite two-thirds majority votes in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Methodology

The bill would create the Glenda Dawson Donate Life-Texas Registry Fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury to be held by the Comptroller and administered by DPS, to receive the voluntary payments collected by county assessor-collectors during motor vehicle registration transactions and collected by DPS during driver's license and personal identification certificate transactions.

The Comptroller of Public Accounts notes that in fiscal 2012, \$408,000 was generated by the registry program. DPS provided information that the agency collected \$368,000 from driver's license and identification card transactions in that year. The remaining \$40,000 was remitted by counties. Under current law those collections are deposited to General Revenue Fund 0001, and under the bill's provisions future collections would be deposited to the new fund created by the bill.

It is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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