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TO: Honorable Patricia Harless, Chair, House Committee On Environmental Regulation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB555** by Callegari (Relating to the creation of a criminal offense for certain violations of the law regulating metal recycling entities.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 1956, Occupations Code, regarding metal recycling entities. The bill would reduce the criminal penalty under 1956.003 from a Class B misdemeanor to a Class C misdemeanor, unless the offense also constitutes an offense under another section of the same chapter, in which case the existing section rules.

Local Government Impact

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. New revenue from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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