

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB586** by Workman (Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain design and construction claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to waive sovereign immunity for the state related to a breach of contract for engineering, architectural, or construction services or for materials related to those professional services.

The Office of the Attorney General indicates that additional lawsuits could arise against the state upon enactment of the bill.

The OAG estimates that an additional 5.5 Assistant Attorney General and Legal Assistant positions would be required to address the increased workload. However, it is anticipated that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Office of Court Administration indicates that any costs associated with the bill to the court system could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General

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