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TO: Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee On Technology

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB768** by Howard (Relating to the application of the public and private facilities and infrastructure contracting requirements to technology facilities.), **As Introduced**

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The bill would amend the Government Code, Chapter 2267, relating to public and private facility and infrastructure, to add technology facilities as a qualifying project for public-private agreements. The bill would apply to state agencies, institutions of higher education electing to participate, and local governments.

The number of potential public-private project proposals for technology facilities that would be received from interested persons and the number of projects that would result in enacted agreements are unknown and cannot be estimated. Because of these variables, several agencies are unable to estimate the potential cost to the state, and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) indicated that enacted agreements, or receipt of project proposals, could result in the need for additional staff to review, manage, and oversee the processes required by the bill. Several agencies including the Department of Information Resources (DIR), the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the General Land Office (GLO), the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the University of Texas System (UT), and the Texas A&M University System (TAMU) anticipate any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

There would be an indeterminate fiscal impact to units of local government from the provisions of the bill.

Source Agencies: 303 Facilities Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 313 Department of Information Resources, 347 Public Finance Authority, 405 Department of Public Safety, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 477 Commission on State Emergency Communications, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 808 Historical Commission

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