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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1200 by Taylor, Van (Relating to access to certain facilities by search and rescue dogs and their handlers; providing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend add Chapter 785 to the Health and Safety Code to provide definitions and requirements for search and rescue dogs and their handlers; and would create a misdemeanor offense for a violation. The owner, manager, operator, or an employee of a public facility or a common carrier or other public conveyance or mode of transportation may not refuse admittance of a search and rescue dog or the dog's handler, and may not charge an additional fare. A person commits a misdemeanor offense for a violation of the provisions punishable by a fine of not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000.

Local Government Impact

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

Source Agencies: 407 Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education

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