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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: **HB1872** by Simmons (Relating to federal firearm reporting for a person who voluntarily identifies as a person with mental illness.), **As Introduced**

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| <p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p> |
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The bill would amend the Government Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Health and Safety Code to add a new reporting requirement for an individual who voluntarily self-identifies to a law enforcement agency as an individual with a mental illness who should be precluded from possessing a firearm. The bill also creates a means for such a person to petition the court for an order relieving him or her from the firearms disability. The bill would require the Department of Public Safety by rule to establish a procedure to collect and provide information about a person who voluntarily self-identifies as a person with a mental illness who should be precluded from possessing a firearm. It is assumed the costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within current appropriations. The bill would take effect immediately upon a two-thirds vote of all members in each chamber; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

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

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

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