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TO: Honorable John Davis, Chair, House Committee on Economic & Small Business Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1935 by Schaefer (Relating to authorizing general infrastructure projects to be undertaken by economic development corporations.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to specify additional general infrastructure projects that economic development corporations could undertake; and would authorize the use of sales and use tax revenue to fund the newly authorized infrastructure projects if a municipality holds an election in which 25 percent of the registered voters vote in the election. The bill would repeal Sections 501.107, 504.103, and 505.304 of the Local Government Code.

The Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Transportation Division (the division) represents the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in litigation. While TxDOT constructs and maintains state highways and operates some mass transportation efforts, such as public ferries, the applicable infrastructure projects are not likely to significantly impact TxDOT's functions, as they are limited to local economic development projects, and any conflict between state and local projects would require prior state and local consideration and approval. The OAG indicates that any additional costs associated with the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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