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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1965** by Harper-Brown (Relating to the state contracting duties of the quality assurance team and Contract Advisory Team.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Quality Assurance Team (QAT) and the Contract Advisory Team (CAT) to: (1) develop and recommend policies and procedures to improve state agency contract management practices; (2) develop and recommend procedures to improve value-based decision making in state agency contracting practices; and (3) monitor state agencies to determine whether the agencies are meeting the needs of the persons to whom the agencies provide services.

The Department of Information Resources (DIR) indicates the need for additional staff to the develop policies and procedures and to monitor state agencies. DIR anticipates recovering the costs from administrative fees (appropriated receipts deposited to the Clearing Fund Account) which are charged to state agencies and local entities which purchase goods and services through DIR's cooperative contracts program. The Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing the provisions of the bill related to the additional duties of the Contract Advisory Team. It is anticipated that the additional costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

The Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Governor, Legislative Budget Board and State Auditor's Office indicate that any additional costs associated with implementation of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 308 State Auditor's Office, 313 Department of Information Resources

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