

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 23, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Tan Parker, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2097** by Gutierrez (Relating to a parole panel conducting certain revocation hearings by videoconference.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
--

The bill would require a parole panel or designated agent of the Board of Pardons and Paroles (BPP) to conduct certain hearings by videoconference upon the request of a releasee and the sheriff of a county. BPP would be required to adopt rules to implement these changes after consultation with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS).

BPP would be required to purchase videoconferencing equipment for hearing offices; however, these costs to BPP would not be significant.

The Department of Criminal Justice anticipates no significant fiscal impact associated with the bill.

TCJS anticipates no fiscal impact associated with the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 409 Commission on Jail Standards, 696 Department of Criminal Justice,  
697 Board of Pardons and Paroles

**LBB Staff:** UP, ESi, KKR, JN