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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2405 by Wu (Relating to county reports regarding the implementation of cite and release provisions by local law enforcement agencies.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2405, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$78,660) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2014	(\$39,330)
2015	(\$39,330)
2016	(\$39,330)
2017	(\$39,330)
2018	(\$39,330)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2013
2014	(\$39,330)	1.0
2015	(\$39,330)	1.0
2016	(\$39,330)	1.0
2017	(\$39,330)	1.0
2018	(\$39,330)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Government Code to require counties to collect and report information from law enforcement agencies in their area regarding the extent to which the law enforcement agencies issued citations for Class A or B misdemeanor offenses instead of arresting an offender as permitted by the Code of Criminal Procedure. Each county would submit the information, in

accordance with the bill's requirements, to the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS). TCJS would then be required to formulate a summary report by June of each fiscal year. TCJS has indicated the bill's provisions create an additional workload for TCJS that would require an additional full-time-equivalent position and related operating expenses that could not be absorbed by the agency's existing resources. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Methodology

Under the provisions of the bill, TCJS estimates the additional mandated workload would create the need for an additional Program Specialist I at \$38,000 per fiscal year plus \$1,330 annually for computer lease expenses and supplies. The total additional costs to the TCJS would be \$39,330 per fiscal year.

Technology

TCJS estimates computer lease expenses to be \$1,080 annually.

Local Government Impact

There would be some additional workload to counties; however, any fiscal impact is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 409 Commission on Jail Standards

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