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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3648 by Harper-Brown (Relating to the awarding of governmental contracts.), As
Engrossed

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Government Code, Chapter 2155 to require that the performance of a contract for goods or services awarded under this chapter substantially comply with the terms in the written solicitation for the contract and the terms considered in evaluating solicitation responses. The bill would also require that a state agency hold a meeting before awarding a contract if it involves a material change to the terms of the proposed contract. The bill would also amend the Government Code, Chapter 2252 relating to a governmental entity awarding a contract to a non-resident bidder.

The bill takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If the bill does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, it takes effect September 1, 2013.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Department of Transportation anticipate that there may be a cost associated with implementing provisions of the bill. It is assumed that the costs could be absorbed within current agency resources. The Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Office of the Attorney General, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Education Agency, and the Texas Department of Insurance anticipate any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 454 Department of Insurance, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 601 Department of Transportation, 701 Central Education Agency, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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