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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB59 by Nelson (Relating to certain required reports and other documents prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend multiple statutes to modify or eliminate certain required reports prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education that are currently filed with the office of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, members of the Legislature and other state entities. Section 1 through Section 28 of the bill amend the Texas Agriculture, Criminal Procedure, Education, Government, Health and Safety, Human Resources, Insurance, Labor, Natural Resources, Occupations, Transportation and Utilities Codes to modify various reporting requirements prepared by state agencies and institutions of higher education. Section 29 of the bill would repeal 11 provisions in Texas statute requiring the filing of various reports.

This bill would have a positive but not significant fiscal impact to the state. As the process each agency uses to produce its statutorily required reports is unique, quantifying the staff time saved, printing costs, and storage costs saved by eliminating unnecessary reports cannot be quantified. Eliminating reports assessed as unnecessary is unlikely to lead to reductions in staff, but eliminating superfluous reporting requirements would enable an increase in agency productivity.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 303 Facilities Commission, 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 306 Library & Archives Commission, 307 Secretary of State, 308 State Auditor's Office, 313 Department of Information Resources, 320 Texas Workforce Commission, 327 Employees Retirement System, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs, 352 Bond Review Board, 401 Adjutant General's Department, 454 Department of Insurance, 455 Railroad Commission, 473 Public Utility Commission of Texas, 513 Funeral Service Commission, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 539 Aging and Disability Services,

Department of, 551 Department of Agriculture, 580 Water Development Board, 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board, 601 Department of Transportation, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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