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TO: Honorable Juan Hinojosa, Chair, Senate Committee On Intergovernmental Relations

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB170** by West (Relating to building code standards for new residential construction in the unincorporated area of a county.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code related to building code standards for new residential construction in the unincorporated area of a county that is located within 50 miles of an international border or has a population of more than 100. The bill would exclude certain new residential construction that meets specified criteria as defined by the provisions of the bill.

A county may require a certificate of compliance as a precondition to obtaining temporary utility services if new residential construction meets all applicable code requirements. A service utility would be required to receive a certificate of compliance prior to permanent electric, gas, water, or sewer service utility connection in the project.

Local Government Impact

There could be costs to an applicable county for the issuance of a written certificate of compliance for new residential construction, but the amounts would vary depending on whether the county chose to issue certificates of compliance, the number certificates that are requested and issued and the costs associated with the certificates. It is assumed that a county would require the issuance of certificates of compliance only if sufficient funds were available to cover the costs or it would not result in a negative fiscal impact.

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