

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**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 shall require a certificate of compliance as a precondition to obtaining utility services and shall issue a certificate once the 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 certain new residential construction projects.

**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 the number of certificates that are requested and issued, and the costs associated with the certificates.

**Source Agencies:**

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