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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB217 by Patrick (Relating to the continuation and functions of the state employee charitable campaign.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Government Code relating to the continuation and operation of the State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC). SECC is subject to the Sunset Act and will be abolished on September 1, 2013, unless continued by the Legislature. The bill would continue SECC and remove SECC from future Sunset reviews, effective September 1, 2013. The bill would direct the Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) to provide administrative support to the State Policy Committee (Committee) including assistance with development and oversight of contracts, development of SECC's budget and any other administrative function of the Committee. Upon the request of the Committee, the Comptroller would be required to audit a participating charitable organization's distributions of money received from the state employee charitable campaign.

The Sunset Advisory Commission indicated that the provisions of the bill would not have a fiscal impact since the SECC is funded through a portion of employee donations made through the campaign, capped at 10 percent of total donations raised, rather than through state appropriations. It is anticipated that any additional costs to the Comptroller to implement provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources or be recovered through an administrative fee charged to participating charitable organizations, as currently authorized under Section 659.148, Government Code.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 301 Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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