

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 8, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **SB1238** by Hinojosa ( Relating to the composition and duties of and investigations conducted by the Texas Forensic Science Commission, the administrative attachment of the Texas Forensic Science Commission to Sam Houston State University, the accreditation of criminal laboratories by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, and the status of certain local government corporations as criminal justice agencies for the purpose of engaging in criminal identification activities, including forensic analysis.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Government Code as they relate to the Texas Forensic Science Commission. The bill would provide guidelines regarding investigations and subsequent recommendations by the Commission. The bill would also establish reporting requirements. The bill would administratively attach the Commission to Sam Houston State University. Texas State University System would also provide administrative support to the Commission as necessary. Any costs associated with the bill would be implemented within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to local law enforcement is anticipated.

The Houston Police Department reported no fiscal impact associated with the bill.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 758 Texas State University System

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