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

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

**IN RE: SB1708** by Rodríguez (Relating to the acquisition of certain real property in El Paso for the construction of facilities for the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1708, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$39,544,730) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2014	(\$39,544,730)
2015	\$0
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</b>
	<b>1</b>
2014	(\$39,544,730)
2015	\$0
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Government Code to authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to

enter into a long-term lease of a portion of federal real property in the County of El Paso. The bill would also stipulate that a new DPS regional headquarters, which would include an evidence processing center and a driver's license office, may be constructed on the same property. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

## **Methodology**

The Department of Public Safety projects a \$39,544,730 cost to construct a new DPS regional headquarters in El Paso. The new regional headquarters would house the following agency functions, including: regional administration; highway patrol; information technology; commercial vehicle enforcement; criminal investigations; Motor Carrier Bureau; driver license; public safety communication; administrative license revocation; various regulatory services; Texas Rangers; Inspector General; intelligence and counter-terrorism; and fleet operations.

General Revenue is the method of finance used in this fiscal note because the new facility would house a significant number of functions that normally would not be eligible to be financed with State Highway Fund 06. While there are portions of this project that would likely be allowable uses of Fund 6, that is not the case for the entire project. At such time as a determination is made of what portion of the project would appropriately be funded with Fund 6, the General Revenue costs would be reduced proportionally. Further, to the extent that the property is not acquired in FY 2014, the costs would shift to FY 2015.

## **Technology**

No significant fiscal implication to Information Technology is anticipated.

## **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety

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