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TO: Honorable Phil King, Chair, House Committee on State & Federal Power & Responsibility,
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FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB422 by Krause (Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating
firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.), **As
Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The provisions of the bill could result in a loss of certain federal funds. Federal funds that may be impacted include those associated with federal and state coordinated law enforcement activities. However, the fiscal impact cannot be determined because it is unknown what federal and state laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition may be enacted in the future.

Local Government Impact

There could be a fiscal impact to local governmental entities depending on if the entity has or enforces such rules, ordinances, or policies relating to provisions in the bill, the number of complaints filed by individuals and the number of complaints investigated and pursued by the Attorney General.

According to the Texas Municipal League, the cost of the bill cannot be determined.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, Harris County reported the bill could create constitutional issues that could lead to severe but incalculable litigation and liability expenses for Harris County. The Harris County Sheriff's Office fights crime as part of several federal task forces through partnerships that are the subject of existing memorandum of agreement and memorandum of understanding.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, Travis County reported the bill could have a very significant impact if the county lost state grant funding due to the enforcement of federal firearm laws that are not consistent with state statute.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, Tarrant County reported the bill could significantly impact the county and the county could potentially lose \$32 million in state grants.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of

the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405
Department of Public Safety, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 802
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