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TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB970 by Paddie (Relating to prohibiting the sale of nicotine products to minors; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code to treat nicotine products in the same manner as cigarettes as they relate to distribution. The Department of State Health Services indicates any cost to implement provisions of the bill would be minimal and can be absorbed within available resources. The Comptroller of Public Accounts estimates there would be a cost associated with implementing provisions of the bill that would require it to update, print, and mail Texas Guidelines for Retail Tobacco Sales packets. It is anticipated that the cost could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would modify misdemeanor offenses. Changes in costs associated with enforcement, prosecution, and confinement are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. Changes in revenue from fines imposed and collected are not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 537 State Health Services,
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