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TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1377** by Longoria (Relating to a restriction on certain accommodations in accessible hotel guest rooms; providing a civil penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code relating to the height of a bed in certain hotel guest rooms. Under the provisions of the bill, the owner of the hotel would be the subject of a civil penalty, ranging from \$500-\$5,000, depending on the defendant's history of similar violations. The attorney general or appropriate district or county attorney may bring action under this statute to district courts of Travis County or of a county in which the violation occurs. The civil penalty collected would go to local governments. Under the provisions of the bill, the prosecuting attorney would be permitted to recover reasonable expenses incurred under this section.

The Office of the Attorney General anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

The Office of Court Administration reported no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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

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