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TO: Honorable Joe Deshotel, Chair, House Committee on Land & Resource Management

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2879** by González, Mary (relating to a study by the General Land Office regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the General Land Office (GLO) to prepare and submit a study regarding the feasibility of creating a mechanism by which a governmental entity could acquire small parcels of real property in an area and convey them to a developer in order to ensure the property is developed in compliance with model subdivision rules. GLO indicates the issue of fractured ownership of land parcels and the desire to combine individually owned tracts to form a more cohesive parcel better suited to commercial development is a long standing issue in the industry. Because the bill would provide that GLO would conduct the study only if the GLO receives donations to cover study costs, the agency indicates it can implement bill provisions within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Because the bill would not have statewide impact on units of local government of the same type or class, no comment from this office is required by the rules of the House/Senate as to its probable fiscal implication on units of local government.

Source Agencies: 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board

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