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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3561 by Rodriguez, Eddie (Relating to damages in certain wrongful eviction actions.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Property Code relating to suits for wrongful eviction. The bill would establish a process to authorize damages for mental anguish and exemplary damages for claimants who could establish that they were wrongfully evicted from property occupied under an unexpired written lease and that the owner of the property could not have prevailed in a legal eviction action.

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

Local Government Impact

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

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

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