

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Carol Alvarado, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB3711** by Márquez (Relating to the administration of oaths and issuance of subpoenas in certain county or sheriff department employee grievance proceedings; creating a criminal offense. ), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to permit certain arbitration or hearing officers to administer oaths and issue subpoenas in certain county or sheriff department employee grievance proceedings. The bill would specify that an oath administered under the provisions of the bill has the same force and effect as an oath administered by a magistrate. The bill creates an offense if a person fails to appear as required by a subpoena. The offense is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, confinement in a county jail for up to 30 days, or both.

**Local Government Impact**

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** UP, KVe, SD, EK