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TO: Honorable Charles Schwertner, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB212 by Birdwell (Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities and the transfer of its functions to the comptroller of public accounts.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB212, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Probable (Cost) from <i>Appropriated Receipts</i> 666	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
2016	\$132,345	(\$132,345)	2.0
2017	\$132,345	(\$132,345)	2.0
2018	\$132,345	(\$132,345)	2.0
2019	\$132,345	(\$132,345)	2.0
2020	\$132,345	(\$132,345)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would abolish the Council on Purchasing from People with Disabilities (Council) and transfer responsibility for the administration and oversight of the State Use Program from the

Council to the Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). The bill would require the Comptroller to establish a nine-member advisory committee to assist in establishing performance goals for the State Use Program and in setting criteria for certifying a community rehabilitation program for participation in the State Use Program. The bill would require the Comptroller to provide administrative support for the advisory committee upon request; the committee would meet at least once each fiscal year.

Currently, statute requires the Council be reimbursed from the central nonprofit agency contracted by the Council to manage the day-to-day operations of the State Use Program. The bill would transfer the reimbursement to the Comptroller and would require that the reimbursements cover the costs associated with providing support to the advisory committee.

Methodology

Currently, the Council collects approximately \$100,000 in each fiscal year from a portion of the management fee collected on the sale of goods and services through the State Use Program from the central nonprofit agency. In addition, the Comptroller currently provides administrative and legal support services to the Council with one full-time equivalent (FTE) staff and is reimbursed through these fee revenues. These funds are deposited to General Revenue and appropriated to the Comptroller as appropriated receipts.

The Comptroller has indicated an additional 2.0 FTEs would be needed to hire two contract specialists IV to review and manage contracts and assist in price setting, product testing, compliance and other functions transferred from the Council at a cost of \$132,345 in each fiscal year. The current 1.0 FTE staff would remain with the Comptroller and support the advisory committee.

This analysis assumes that the fee revenue collected from the central nonprofit agency would reimburse the Comptroller for administration of the State Use Program, including any costs associated with providing administrative support to the advisory committee.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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