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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB491 by Schwertner (Relating to consideration of asbestos or silica trust claims in certain actions asserting asbestos- or silica-related injuries.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to define an "asbestos or silica trust" and the various terms and procedures for filing a claim asserting an asbestos or silica-related injury with a trust. Sanctions for a claimant's failure to provide notice in a pending suit or prior claim are also defined and procedures for stay of a pending suit involving an asbestos or silica-related injury while the claimant makes a claim against an asbestos or silica trust.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

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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