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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1171 by Nichols (Relating to the operation of certain oversize or overweight vehicles transporting timber, timber products, or forestry equipment on certain public roadways.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize a vehicle operating under a permit to transport timber to operate under the conditions of that permit over certain state roads for which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has set a maximum weight limit or certain county roads for which the count commissioner's court has set a maximum weight limit. The bill would exempt from certain vehicle width limitations a vehicle used to transport a vehicle or equipment used in the harvesting and production of timber. The bill would reduce the fee for an annual timber permit from \$1,500 to \$900.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT and the Department of Motor Vehicles, it is assumed the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 601 Department of Transportation

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