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TO: Honorable Gary Elkins, Chair, House Committee on Government Transparency & Operation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB1844** by Zaffirini (Relating to the establishment and functions of the Interagency Data Transparency Commission.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would create the Interagency Data Transparency Commission. The new commission would study and review the current public data structure, classification, sharing, and reporting protocols for state agencies and the possibility of collecting and posting data from state agencies online in an open source format that is machine-readable, exportable, and easily accessible by the public. A report of the study and recommendations would be due not later September 1, 2016. The new commission would be composed of at least eleven members, not limited to representatives from the Department of Information Resources (DIR), Legislative Council, Legislative Budget Board, Comptroller of Public Accounts and other representatives appointed by certain elected officials. Members would not be entitled to receive reimbursement or compensation and the Comptroller or state agency with a representative on the commission would be required to provide assistance to the commission.

DIR estimates there would be a cost to provide assistance to the commission. It is assumed that these costs could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 103 Legislative Council, 301 Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 313 Department of Information Resources

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