

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE: HB240** by Hernandez (Relating to evidence in a suit to abate certain common nuisances.),  
**Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to authorize a person bringing a suit that concerns massage therapy or other massage services to request a landowner or landlord of the place where the nuisance is alleged to have occurred to provide the contact information of the business or the owner of the business. The bill would also allow proof that massage services occur at an unlicensed facility to serve as evidence that the defendant knowingly tolerated the activity and that the facility is habitually used for the activity. 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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