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TO: Honorable Phil King, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB514 by Simmons (Relating to the authority of certain personal protection officers to carry certain weapons.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the authority of certain personal protection officers to carry weapons. Under the provisions of the bill, certain personal protection officers would be allowed to carry weapons where prohibited if engaged in the actual discharge of duty. Under existing statute, possessing a weapon where prohibited is a third degree felony.

The Department of Public Safety, the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Office of Court Administration, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demands for state correctional resources. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 405 Department of Public Safety, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 644 Juvenile Justice Department, 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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