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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: HB556 by Keough (Relating to the civil liability of certain persons in connection with allowing or forbidding handguns on the premises of a business or apartment complex.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to allow a person with control over a business or apartment complex that forbids the carrying of a licensed handgun to be held liable for any personal injury or death in which the licensed holder would be justified by using deadly force and that may have been prevented by a licensed handgun holder. The bill provides immunity to a person with control over a business or apartment complex that permits the carrying of a licensed handgun.

Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Department of Public Safety, 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: 405 Department of Public Safety, 212 Office of Court Administration,
Texas Judicial Council

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