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TO: Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1294** by Minjarez (Relating to the economic impact of closures on the state highway system during certain periods.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), if a proposed state highway system improvement requires a highway closure, to coordinate the highway closure by communicating directly with public officials from municipalities affected by the closure to avoid any adverse economic impact on the municipalities during periods of increased travel on the state highway system or periods of high economic activity. The bill would require a contract for a proposed state highway improvement that requires the closing of a highway to include a provision identifying the days on which the highway may not be closed. The bill would require TxDOT to submit an annual report detailing all highway closures during the specified time periods and the estimated economic impact of those closures.

Based on LBB's analysis of TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

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