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TO: Honorable René Oliveira, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1572** by Workman (Relating to a residential property owner's right to remove a tree or vegetation that the owner believes poses a fire risk.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to prohibit a municipality, county or other political subdivision from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that restricts the ability of a residential property owner to remove a tree or vegetation on the owner's property if the owner believes the vegetation poses a risk of fire. The bill provides exceptions.

The bill would take effect immediately if the bill receives a two-thirds vote in each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies:

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