

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 9, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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

**IN RE:** **HB1704** by Kuempel (Relating to the award of court costs and attorney's fees in actions to determine the applicability of certain local government regulations.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Local Government Code relating to the issuance of permits for certain wastewater construction projects. The bill would allow a court to award court costs and reasonable and necessary attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

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

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), no significant fiscal impact to local courts is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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