

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 3, 2017

TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

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 Introduced**

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

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, GG, BM, JGA