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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Economic Development

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1816** by Metcalf (relating to the operation of medical supply transport vehicles during a declared state of disaster.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management to establish procedures to assist medical supply distributors in accessing highways, streets, and bridges. The bill would specify that it does not create a cause of action against a law enforcement officer involved in assisting a medical supply distributor for any harm done to the distributor resulting from that assistance. The costs associated with implementing the bill's provisions are assumed to be absorbable within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the fiscal impact to counties to implement the provisions of the bill is not anticipated to be significant.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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