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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB970** by Watson (Relating to a sexual assault policy at public and private institutions of higher education.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require public and private postsecondary educational institutions to adopt a sexual assault policy applicable to any person employed by the institution and to each student enrolled in the institution. The bill would require an institution to implement a public awareness campaign informing students, staff, and faculty of the affirmative consent standard implemented by the institution. Provisions of the bill would be effective starting with the 2017 fall semester.

Based on the analysis provided by institutions of higher education, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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