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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1408 by Huffines (Relating to the carrying of a handgun by certain first responders and volunteer emergency services personnel.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to stipulate a governmental unit is not liable in a civil action arising from the discharge of a handgun by an individual who is volunteer emergency services personnel and licensed to carry a handgun. The bill would also amend the Government Code to require the Director of the Department of Public Safety to establish certain minimum standards for a training course that a first responder who is a license holder must complete before the first responder may carry a concealed handgun while on duty. The bill would also proscribe a governmental entity that employs or otherwise supervises first responders from adopting a rule or regulation that prohibits a first responder who holds a license to carry a handgun and who has received a certificate of completion from the required training course noted above, from carrying a concealed handgun while on duty or storing a handgun on the premises of the place of employment.

It is assumed any costs associated with implementing the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety

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