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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1655 by Watson (Relating to the confidentiality of certain information.), As
Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to clarify that section 552.101 does not encompass the attorney-client privilege, the work product privilege, other exceptions in chapter 552, or state or federal discovery privileges. The bill would also clarify that certain statutory exceptions to disclosure do not constitute a compelling reason to withhold the information. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, 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: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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