

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 16, 2017**

**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB1939 by Hughes (Relating to the movement of vehicles transporting sealed ocean cargo shipping containers; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue an annual permit for the movement of sealed ocean cargo shipping containers on a trailer with three axles if the combination of vehicles transporting the containers is within certain axle weight limits specified by the bill. The bill would require TxDMV to set the amount of the permit fee in an amount not to exceed \$2,000; of which 90 percent would be deposited to the State Highway Fund (SHF) and ten percent deposited to the TxDMV Fund. The bill would require TxDMV to restrict vehicles operating under this permit to routes that are on the state highway system and are not more than five miles from any border between Texas and another state. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

Based on LBB's analysis of the information provided by TxDMV and the Texas Department of Transportation, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. TxDMV indicates that the issuance of permits under the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant revenue gain to the SHF or TxDMV Fund.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 601 Department of Transportation

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