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TO: Honorable Geanie W. Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2227 by Hinojosa (Relating to an increase in and the use of the fee for permits issued for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo in Hidalgo County.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB2227, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain from State Highway Fund
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2018	\$2,509,200
2019	\$2,509,200
2020	\$2,509,200
2021	\$2,509,200
2022	\$2,509,200

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Transportation Code Section 623.364 to increase from \$80 to \$200 the maximum fee a regional mobility authority (RMA) may collect for the issuance of permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles carrying cargo on certain roads located in Hidalgo

County. The bill would stipulate that the amount of the fee that may be retained for administrative costs by the RMA for permits issued for the movement of vehicles on roads listed in Section 623.363 (a) (1) (J), (K), (L), or (M) would be 15 percent minus an amount of up to five percent, which the bill would require to be used to leverage funding from other sources to construct or improve certain road and bridge projects specified by the bill. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017.

Methodology

The bill would authorize the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) to charge a fee of up to \$200 for an oversize/overweight trip permit on certain roadways under Subchapter S, Chapter 623 of the Transportation Code. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reports that the HCRMA issued 24,600 permits at the current maximum fee of \$80 per trip in fiscal year 2016 (approximately \$1.97 million in fee revenue). Under current law, HCRMA may use 15 percent of the fees collected for administrative costs, and the remainder is to be paid to TxDOT to fund maintenance of certain highways subject to Subchapter S. Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed HCRMA could continue to retain 15 percent of the fees collected, including up to five percent of the fees collected for permits associated with roads listed in Section 623.363 (a) (1) (J), (K), (L), or (M) to be used by HCRMA to leverage other funding sources available to the RMA to deliver projects specified by the bill.

For the purposes of this analysis, it is assumed the HCRMA would charge the maximum fee of \$200 authorized by the bill beginning in fiscal year 2018 and issue approximately 24,600 trip permits each fiscal year for a total of \$4,920,000 in permit revenue. It is assumed HCRMA would retain 15 percent (\$738,000) and pay the remainder (85 percent or \$4.2 million) to TxDOT for annual revenue gains of \$442,800 to HCRMA and \$2.5 million to the State Highway Fund beginning in fiscal year 2018.

Local Government Impact

The bill would result in revenue gains of up to \$442,800 each year to the HCRMA.

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