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TO: Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

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IN RE: HB852 by Holland (Relating to information a municipality may consider in determining the amount of certain building permit and inspection fees.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to prohibit municipalities from considering certain measures of the valuation of a dwelling when determining building and inspection fees and would prohibit certain disclosures as a condition of obtaining a permit.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Municipal League (TML), the bill would prohibit cities from using the value of the cost of construction to determine the cost of a building permit. This approach is the standard method that cities use to determine permit costs, because the amount of construction costs generally equate with the complexity of plans under review. TML cannot determine what method would be employed by cities to assess permit fees if the construction cost method were no longer available, therefore the fiscal implication of the bill to cities cannot be determined.

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