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TO: Honorable Trey Martinez Fischer, Chair, House Committee on Business & Industry

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IN RE: HB1152 by Bernal (Relating to the deceptive trade practice of charging exorbitant or excessive prices for necessities during a declared disaster.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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| The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time. |
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The bill amends the Business and Commerce Code regarding exorbitant or excessive prices for building materials, construction tools, and lodging during declared disasters. The bill takes effect September 1, 2019.

Based on analysis by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the provisions of the bill relating to price gouging could result in increased revenue due to civil penalties. However, since the extent of these civil penalties cannot be reasonably estimated, the revenue implications to the state cannot be determined at this time.

Based on analysis by the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Court Administration, the provisions of the bill relating to enforcement could be absorbed within existing state 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, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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