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TO: Honorable Terry Canales, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

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IN RE: HB2549 by Oliverson (Relating to the authority of a county to provide tolling services for another toll project entity.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize certain counties to provide tolling services for a toll project in the county managed by the Department of Transportation (TxDOT) or another entity.

Based on information provided by TxDOT, a fiscal impact cannot be determined and because the provisions of the bill are optional, it is assumed the agency would assess any agreements on a case by case basis and would likely not enter into an agreement if it would result in a negative impact on toll revenues. Because Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) toll fees are not capped like TxDOT toll fees, it is assumed there could be some positive fiscal impact to toll revenues collected from TxDOT facilities that would be operated by HCTRA. This analysis assumes implementation of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the State.

Local Government Impact

According to TxDOT, HCTRA may experience a positive fiscal impact from revenues from any agreement to provide tolling services for a TxDOT toll project.

According to Harris County, the bill would have a neutral fiscal impact with intangible gains in improved customer service.

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