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

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2814** by Goodwin (Relating to the designation of highway safety corridors; increasing a fine.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend Subchapter K, Chapter 201 of the Transportation Code to authorize the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to designate as a "highway safety corridor" a portion of a roadway containing a site with a high number of traffic fatalities. The bill would require TxDOT to erect road signs indicating the designation of a highway safety corridor. The bill would require the Texas Transportation to adopt rules to establish a process to identify sites with high numbers of traffic fatalities. The bill would amend Subchapter D, Chapter 542 of the Transportation Code to establish that a fine for certain traffic offenses committed in a designated highway safety corridor are twice the minimum and maximum fine that would be applicable if it were committed outside of the safety corridor.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT and the Department of Public Safety, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agencies' existing resources. Because the number, location, and boundaries of potential highway safety corridors is unknown and the number and variety of traffic offenses that may be committed in such corridors is unknown, this analysis does not include an estimated impact to the State and units of local government relating to the doubling of minimum and maximum fines for offenses committed inside a designated corridor.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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