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TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: HB2913 by Zerwas (relating to the transfer of certain real property held by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and the transfer of jurisdiction over and management of the Star of the Republic Museum to the Texas Historical Commission.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to authorizing the sale of certain real property held by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas could be absorbed using existing resources.

Article 2 of the bill would amend Chapter 442 of the Government Code to transfer the preservation, maintenance, and operation of the Star of the Republic Museum from Blinn College to the Historical Commission. The bill would specify that Blinn College District maintains ownership of the museum, the land on which the museum is located, and the artifacts in the museum. The transfer would be effective beginning on January 1, 2020.

This analysis assumes that appropriations to Blinn College for operation of the museum would be transferred to the Historical Commission, including a transfer for a partial fiscal year 2020 and a full fiscal year 2021. In the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act, Blinn College is appropriated \$410,400 in General Revenue in each fiscal year of the biennium. The Historical Commission assumes 4.0 full-time-equivalent positions would be required to operate the museum. This analysis assumes funding for operations and the 4.0 FTE positions would be funded through the transfer in appropriations, excluding the cost for employee benefits.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 808 Historical Commission, 305
 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board

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