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TO: Honorable Kelly Hancock, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

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Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3167 by Oliverson (Relating to county and municipal approval procedure for land development applications.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to amend the process and procedures by which municipalities, counties, and other authorities approve or disapprove plats.

Local Government Impact

According to Harris County, the bill would require the county to hire an estimated 10 FTEs to ensure compliance with the additional time constraints and other requirements of the bill. The county estimates the cost for these 10 FTEs at between \$850,000 and \$900,000. Over time, these costs would be absorbed by applicants for the service or by taxpayers by way of higher fees or higher taxes.

According to the Texas Municipal League (TML), the bill would place substantial time restrictions on consideration of subdivision plats and permit vesting. TML cannot determine these costs, but to comply with the requirements of the bill for complicated or complex projects, cities might be faced with the need for additional staffing or technology expenses.

Source Agencies:

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