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TO: Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

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IN RE: **HB4346** by Lozano (Relating to the regulation of off-site restaurant meal service operations:), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would authorize certain food service facilities that hold a license under Chapter 437 of the Health and Safety Code to conduct an off-site restaurant operation directly, or utilize a meal service broker at a location other than the license holder's premises, if the operation meets certain conditions. The bill would prohibit a municipality, a county, a public health district, or the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) from requiring a license holder to obtain a separate license to operate an off-site restaurant meal service other than the license required for engaging in catering operations. The bill would also prohibit these entities from requiring a meal service broker from obtaining a license.

DSHS indicates that the bill would require the agency to revise the definition of a food establishment in the Texas Food Establishment Rules and update current policies on catering operations. According to DSHS, the provisions of the bill could be accomplished with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties and the Texas Municipal League, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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