# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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### **April 29, 2019**

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

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director

Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2551 by Hinojosa (Relating to the liability of certain political subdivisions for certain workers' compensation claims and actions.), As Introduced

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

The bill would amend the Government Code and Labor Code relating to the liability of certain political subdivisions for certain workers' compensation claims and actions. Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Insurance, State Office of Risk Management, and Texas A&M University System Administration, this analysis assumes that the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to the House and Senate or otherwise on September 1, 2019.

## **Local Government Impact**

The Texas Association of Counties (TAC) anticipates a potential fiscal impact on the TAC Risk Management Pool, which covers approximately 1,500 firefighters and emergency medical technicians. However, the extent of the impact cannot be determined at this time due to inability to predict the number or severity of future cancer claims.

**Source Agencies:** 407 Commission on Law Enforcement, 411 Commission on Fire

Protection, 454 Department of Insurance, 479 State Office of Risk Management, 601 Department of Transportation, 710 Texas A&M

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