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TO: Honorable Philip Cortez, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB195 by Bernal (Relating to the regulation of migrant labor housing facilities; changing the amount of a civil penalty.), **As Introduced**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time.
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The bill would amend Subchapter LL, Chapter 2306 of the Government Code relating to the regulation of migrant labor housing facilities. Based on information provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), 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 specifies that a person who violates Subchapter LL would be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$50 for each person occupying the migrant labor housing facility in violation for each day that the violation occurs. TDHCA, by rule, would adopt a penalty schedule that increases the amount of the penalty assessed against a repeat violator. Penalties collected would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund and could be appropriated only to TDHCA for the enforcement of Subchapter LL.

Based on information provided by the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the schedule of violations subject to civil penalty is unknown; therefore, the revenue implications of the bill cannot be determined.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Admin, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 332 Dept Housing-Comm Affairs

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