

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1159** by Murr (Relating to the maximum judgment amount awarded by a justice court in certain civil cases regarding the repair of residential rental property.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Property Code to provide that a justice court, in certain cases regarding the repair of residential rental property, may not award a judgment that exceeds \$20,000 excluding interest and court costs. Current law caps this amount at \$10,000.

Based on information provided by the Office of Court Administration, no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated due to implementing the provisions of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Admin

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