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TO: Honorable Angie Chen Button, Chair, House Committee on International Relations & Economic Development

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4067 by Ordaz Perez (Relating to the designation, authority, and funding of the small business ombudsman program of the Texas Workforce Commission.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB4067, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$906,074) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	(\$463,117)
2023	(\$442,957)
2024	(\$442,957)
2025	(\$442,957)
2026	(\$442,957)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$463,117)	4.0
2023	(\$442,957)	4.0
2024	(\$442,957)	4.0
2025	(\$442,957)	4.0
2026	(\$442,957)	4.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Labor Code relating to the designation, authority, and funding of the small business ombudsman program of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The bill would require TWC to hire a director to administer the activities of the small business ombudsman program. The bill would require TWC staff the program with a minimum of two qualified individuals. The bill would create a new Small Business Economic Ombudsman Fund.

Methodology

According to TWC, the agency would need 4 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to implement the provisions of the bill and administer the new program. These FTEs would result in a cost of \$463,117 from General Revenue in fiscal year 2022 for salaries, benefits, equipment and all other operating expenses and \$442,957 each fiscal year thereafter.

Note: This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either in, with, or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. Legislative policy, implemented as Government Code 403.095, consolidated special funds (except those affected by constitutional, federal, or other restrictions) into the General Revenue Fund as of August 31, 1993 and eliminated all applicable statutory revenue dedications as of August 31, 1995. Each subsequent Legislature has reviewed bills that affect funds consolidation. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 320 Texas Workforce Commission

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