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TO: Honorable Chris Paddie, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB10 by Bettencourt (Relating to the use by a county or municipality of public money for lobbying activities.), **As Engrossed**

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| No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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It is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to the use by a county or municipality of public money for lobbying activities could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Loving County and Ward County do not expect a significant fiscal impact.

Tom Green County anticipates a significant negative fiscal impact to the county due to increased travel expenses for county officials and significant changes in county operations and operational budgeting needs.

Fannin County anticipates a significant negative fiscal impact to the county due to additional staff required for legislative communication and legislative analysis, as well as increased costs due to staff training and travel expenses.

The City of Austin anticipates a significant fiscal impact to the city due to the increase in the number of bills aimed at the services provided and policies adopted by the city and the residents it represents.

According to the City of Houston, the impact of not having the ability to hire a lobby team would be hugely significant to the city's bottom line.

The fiscal impact to other units of local government cannot be determined at this time.

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