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TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1907 by Blanco (relating to a feasibility study on the colocation of federal and state motor vehicle inspection facilities at ports of entry.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1907, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$350,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute is required to implement the provisions of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the agency may, but is not required to, implement the provisions of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

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>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2022	(\$350,000)
2023	\$0
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2022	(\$350,000)
2023	\$0
2024	\$0
2025	\$0
2026	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI), in consultation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), to conduct a study on the feasibility of erecting and maintaining a colocated federal and state inspection facility at each port of entry in this state for

the inspection of motor vehicles for compliance with federal and state commercial motor vehicle regulations. In addition to other criteria, the bill would require the study to include a summary of current wait times at inspection facilities at each port of entry and an analysis of the potential effects of collocating federal and state inspection facilities on wait times at the facilities. The bill would require TTI to report the results of the study and any recommendations to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and the members of the Legislature no later than December 1, 2022. The provisions of the bill would expire on January 1, 2023.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2021.

Methodology

Based on the information provided by TTI, it is assumed TTI would incur a one-time cost of \$350,000 from the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2022 to conduct the study required by the bill.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT and DPS, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with assisting in the study to be conducted by TTI could be absorbed within the agencies' existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation, 727 Texas A&M Transportation Institute

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