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TO: Honorable Terry Canales, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2977** by Harris, Caroline (Relating to the awarding of contracts by the Texas Department of Transportation for certain materials used in road construction projects.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Transportation Code, Chapter 223, Subchapter B, to prohibit the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in comparing bids for materials to be used in a contract for a highway project, from giving preference to a bid that proposes using materials based on environmental, social, and governance criteria if the proposed materials are less cost effective or durable than alternative materials for that project.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed implementation of the bill would not result in a significant operational or fiscal impact to the department or the State.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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