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TO: Honorable J. M. Lozano, Chair, House Committee on Urban Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4770 by Gervin-Hawkins (Relating to a grant program for municipal pedestrian infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB4770, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$325,330) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

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 <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$165,165)
2025	(\$160,165)
2026	(\$182,129)
2027	(\$185,504)
2028	(\$181,504)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2023</i>
2024	(\$165,165)	2.0
2025	(\$160,165)	2.0
2026	(\$182,129)	2.3
2027	(\$185,504)	2.3
2028	(\$181,504)	2.3

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would establish the Pedestrian Infrastructure Program through which the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs would provide grants awarded to municipalities for the construction of pedestrian infrastructure. The bill would create a new General Revenue-Dedicated fund in the treasury to which could be deposited appropriations from the Legislature, gifts, grants and other donations, and interest earned on investment of money in the grant fund. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2023.

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 the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Methodology

Under the provisions of the bill and assuming funding is available within the new General Revenue-Dedicated Account for distribution as grants to municipalities; this estimate assumes the agency would require two Program Specialists (\$121,006 per year with estimated benefits of \$36,159 per year) for development and administration of this new program. Additionally, starting in Fiscal Year 2026, the agency would require an additional .25 FTE for an Auditor (\$16,141 per year with estimated benefits of \$4,823 per year). The agency would also require \$3,000 in office supplies for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, and \$3,375 for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2028 and one time technology costs of \$5,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$625 in Fiscal Year 2026.

Technology

As noted above, Technology costs for this bill's implementation are anticipated to be \$5,000 in Fiscal Year 2024 and \$625 in Fiscal Year 2026.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 332 Department of Housing and Community Affairs

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