LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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TO: Honorable Ken King, Chair, House Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB5573 by Bhojani (relating to the reporting of violations of law and wasteful spending under the whistleblower protection laws.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would the prohibit the suspension or termination of a public employee who reports wasteful spending or legal violations by their employer, another public employee, or elected officials to a law enforcement agency or the State Auditor's Office. It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 308 State Auditor's Office

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