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TO: Honorable Phil King, Chair, Senate Committee on Economic Development

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2779 by Birdwell (Relating to the allocation and use of certain hotel occupancy tax revenues.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Comptroller to issue warrants to the park board of trustees created by an eligible costal municipality. Additionally, the bill would allow the Comptroller to only issue warrants to a municipality that uses at least one percent of the municipal hotel occupancy tax to clean and maintain public beaches in the municipality and either applied for state funds under Subchapter C, Chapter 61, of the Natural Resources Code or made available to the comptroller the same information required to be contained in in an application under Section 61.069 of the Natural Resources Code.

The Comptroller's office does not currently track how the city of Galveston uses the municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue; therefore, the eligibility of the park board of trustees created by city of Galveston to receive warrants under the provisions of this bill cannot be determined. The bill would have no fiscal impact on state, as money allocable to the park board of trustees under the bill is allocable to the city of Galveston under current law.

Local Government Impact

The provisions of the bill would currently affect the city of Galveston.

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