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TO: Honorable Joseph Pickett, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2854 by Hughes (Relating to license plates created by the Texas Department of Transportation for professional firefighters.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2854, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$19,717 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011, if the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2009; or a positive impact of \$18,200 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011, if the effective date of the bill is September 1, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

All Funds, Six-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from <i>State Highway Fund</i> 6	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2009	(\$1,517)	\$1,517
2010	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2011	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2012	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2013	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2014	(\$9,100)	\$9,100

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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow the sponsor of a specialty license plate for professional firefighters to nominate a state agency for receipt of funds from the specialty plate fees. The bill would specify that the fees, after deduction of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) administrative expenses, are to be deposited to the credit of an account in the state treasury to be used by the nominated state agency for making grants to support activities of a professional firefighters organization that meets the requirements specified by the bill.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or otherwise on September 1, 2009.

Methodology

TxDOT indicates that fees from the Professional Firefighters specialty license plates are currently deposited to the State Highway Fund. Based on the information and analysis provided by TxDOT and the Comptroller's office, it is assumed the provisions of the bill would result in the transfer of \$9,100 from the State Highway Fund to the General Revenue Fund. If the bill receives the requisite vote to take immediate effect, it is assumed the transfer of the specialty plate revenues would begin on July 1, 2009 (fiscal year 2009). Otherwise, the transfer of fee revenues would begin in fiscal year 2010.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

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