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TO: Honorable Mike Krusee, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3588 by Krusee (Relating to the construction, acquisition, financing, maintenance, management, operation, ownership, and control of transportation facilities and the progress, improvement, policing, and safety of transportation in the state.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3588, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$155,165,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	(\$73,331,000)
2005	(\$81,834,000)
2006	(\$80,698,000)
2007	(\$81,907,000)
2008	(\$83,136,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND</i> 2	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>STATE HIGHWAY FUND</i> 6
2004	(\$97,775,000)	\$24,444,000	\$73,331,000
2005	(\$109,112,000)	\$27,278,000	\$81,834,000
2006	(\$107,597,000)	\$26,899,000	\$80,698,000
2007	(\$109,209,000)	\$27,302,000	\$81,907,000
2008	(\$110,848,000)	\$27,712,000	\$83,136,000

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to develop a statewide transportation plan to expand and improve transportation facilities and transportation operations in the state. The bill would establish requirements for the transportation plan including provision for appropriate financing methods, such as bonds and other forms of borrowing. The bill would require TxDOT and other entities to cooperate to implement the plan. The bill would expand the definition of a highway and would provide that a Transportation Commission order creating a regional mobility authority may include methods by which an authority may raise revenue and acquire property in addition to other appropriate powers and duties of the authority. The

bill would also require a public transportation provider to consider the advice and recommendations of the public transportation advisory committee. The bill would allow the Texas Transportation Commission to authorize TxDOT to construct rail facilities.

The bill would require that a fee collected in connection with the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate may be used only for a purpose for which revenues are dedicated under Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Methodology

Amounts reflected above are based on data provided in the Comptroller's Biennial Revenue Estimate. Currently, fees collected in connection with the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate are deposited into the General Revenue Fund as undedicated revenue.

Based on the analysis of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, it is assumed that the interpretation of "a purpose for which revenues are dedicated under Section 7-a, Article VIII, Texas Constitution" in the bill means that 75 percent of the affected fees would be deposited to the State Highway Fund, and the other 25 percent would be deposited to the Available School Fund.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Transportation, it is assumed that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

Costs to local governments to implement the provisions of the bill would depend upon the modifications to the transportation plan by the department.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation

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