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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB447 by Callegari (Relating to contracts by governmental entities and related professional services and to public works performance and payment bonds, and to certain regulations of local authorities.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend statute and establish additional rules and procedures for a governmental entity regarding contracting and delivery of construction projects and establish standardized purchasing practices for public community colleges. It is assumed that any additional duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing state resources.

The bill would require the Texas Building and Procurement Commission (TBPC) to maintain the small contractor participation assistance program which would include assistance, technical assistance and training to small contractors in preparing bond application packages and participation in the program. The bill would also require TBPC to provide small contractor safety training to ensure compliance with federal job site safety standards.

TPBC indicated there would be costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill relating to the small contractor participation assistance. It is assumed that these costs could be absorbed with existing resources.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 303 Building and Procurement Commission, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 580 Water Development Board, 701 Central Education Agency, 601 Department of Transportation

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