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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB303 by Watson (Relating to the continuation and functions of the Board of Law Examiners.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to extend the Board of Law Examiner's expiration date to September 1, 2029. The bill would allow the board to delegate routine decisions to the executive director and expand the training required of board members. The bill would allow the Supreme Court to establish fees and timelines governing the declaration of intention to study law and the bar examination application. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration and the Sunset Advisory Commission, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 212 Office of Court Administration,
Texas Judicial Council

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