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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 10

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 10 would provide Edwards County with additional local sales tax authority of 0.375 percent (3/8ths of one percent) to finance economic development initiatives. The normal distribution formula for countywide sales taxes which requires counties to share sales taxes with cities also would be amended to authorize Edwards County to retain all of the money from the economic development sales tax.

The bill further would authorize Jackson County to impose a tax of 0.4 percent, which could only be submitted to voters after a current tax has expired, for the purpose of financing public infrastructure projects. Any such tax ultimately imposed would be required to sunset after seven years.

Finally, the bill makes several minor changes to an existing sales tax authority of Douglas County to clarify that among the purposes for which a tax of 0.25 percent could be imposed would be conservation, preservation of cultural heritage, and economic development projects and activities. Current authority to earmark any such tax imposed for conservation and certain industrial and business park purposes would be repealed.

Background

Senator Teichman appeared as a proponent of the bill

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and noted that Edwards County has been discussing a lot of economic development initiatives, not the least of which was finding a replacement for a recently-closed Duckwall's store.

Written testimony from the Edwards County Economic Development Corporation said that the county was hopeful the new authority could be approved by February 5, so as to meet various time-line requirements necessary to place the issue on the April 2011 ballot.

The original bill related only to Edwards County. The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill on March 22 to include the Jackson County and Douglas County provisions.

The bill would not have any fiscal impact for the state.