

- SUBJECT:** Reporting certain tax revenue by municipality and county
- COMMITTEE:** Ways and Means — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Hilderbran, Otto, Gonzalez, Lyne, Martinez Fischer, Murphy, Ritter, Villarreal, Woolley
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Christian, Elkins
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Steve Bresnen, El Paso County; Daniel Gonzalez, Texas Association of Realtors; John Kroll, City of Humble; Donald Lee, Texas Conference of Urban Counties)
- Against — None
- DIGEST:** CSHB 654 would require the comptroller to report to the Legislature and governor, before each regular session, the amount of revenue remitted in each city and county for each tax collected, if that information was available from tax returns. The tax data would have to be reported as aggregate totals without disclosing individual tax payments or taxpayers.
- The report could be included with any other comptroller report. The comptroller would have to publish the data online within 20 days of submitting the report to the Legislature and the governor.
- The bill would take effect on September 1, 2011.
- SUPPORTERS SAY:** CSHB 654 would allow people to know how much money their communities contribute to the state and how much of their revenue is allocated back to them. By requiring the comptroller to publish a report on the taxes remitted by cities and counties, CSHB 654 also would allow local and state governments to function more efficiently because they would be able to design policy knowing where the revenue originated and where it was allocated.
- Under the bill, the comptroller would report the information as an aggregate total for each tax without disclosing individual tax payments or

taxpayers. The comptroller already reports similar data on sales, hotel, and mixed-beverage taxes while protecting taxpayer privacy. The comptroller would employ similar techniques to protect the privacy of the tax revenue sources that would be reported under CSHB 654.

OPPONENTS
SAY:

No apparent opposition.

NOTES:

According to the fiscal note, the bill would have no significant cost for the state.