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H.B. No. 2568

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C.S.H.B. No. 2568

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of carrizo cane on the international border of
this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

(1) "Board" means the State Soil and Water
Conservation Board.

(2) "Carrizo cane" means the invasive species of giant
reed with the scientific name *Arundo donax*.

(3) "Program" means the carrizo cane eradication
program under Section [201.0225](#), Agriculture Code.

SECTION 2. CARRIZO CANE STUDY. (a) The board shall conduct
a study of the extent of the growth of carrizo cane along the Rio
Grande to assist the board in administering the program.

(b) In conducting the study, the board shall determine:

(1) the acreage of carrizo cane remaining along the
Rio Grande;

(2) the amount of water that is consumed by the growth
of carrizo cane along the Rio Grande; and

(3) the program's cost of eradicating the carrizo cane
identified in the study.

SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than January 1, 2025, the
board shall report the results of the study conducted under this Act
and any recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor,

1 the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing
2 committees of the senate and the house of representatives that have
3 jurisdiction over natural resources.

4 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2025.

5 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
6 1, 2023.