

1-1 By: Hayes, et al. (Senate Sponsor - LaMantia) H.B. No. 2568
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Water,
 1-4 Agriculture & Rural Affairs; May 12, 2023, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 12, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a study of carrizo cane on the international border of
 1-20 this state.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

1-23 (1) "Board" means the State Soil and Water
 1-24 Conservation Board.

1-25 (2) "Carrizo cane" means the invasive species of giant
 1-26 reed with the scientific name *Arundo donax*.

1-27 (3) "Program" means the carrizo cane eradication
 1-28 program under Section 201.0225, Agriculture Code.

1-29 SECTION 2. CARRIZO CANE STUDY. (a) The board shall conduct
 1-30 a study of the extent of the growth of carrizo cane along the Rio
 1-31 Grande to assist the board in administering the program.

1-32 (b) In conducting the study, the board shall determine:

1-33 (1) the acreage of carrizo cane remaining along the
 1-34 Rio Grande; and

1-35 (2) the program's cost of eradicating the carrizo cane
 1-36 identified in the study.

1-37 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than January 1, 2025, the
 1-38 board shall report the results of the study conducted under this Act
 1-39 and any recommendations to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
 1-40 the speaker of the house of representatives, and the standing
 1-41 committees of the senate and the house of representatives that have
 1-42 jurisdiction over natural resources.

1-43 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires February 1, 2025.

1-44 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
 1-45 1, 2023.

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