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TO: Honorable Steve Ogden, Chair, Senate Committee on Infrastructure Development and Security

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB499 by Kuempel (Relating to the issuance of urban forestry license plates.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specially designed urban forestry license plates for passenger cars and light trucks. The bill would require applicants to submit a \$30 annual fee in addition to other registration fees. The bill would require \$8 to be deposited to the credit of the State Highway Fund and \$22 to be deposited to the credit of a newly created General Revenue dedicated account to be used by the Texas Forest Service for the purposes of supporting activities identified in the bill.

No significant fiscal implication is anticipated due to the estimated number of license plate issuances.

Because the legislation would create a dedicated revenue account in the General Revenue Fund, the account included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current legislature.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices

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