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TO: Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on State Cultural and Recreational Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1434 by Chavez (Relating to artifacts recovered from Native American burial sites.), As Introduced

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| Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1434, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$93,102) through the biennium ending August 31, 2005. |
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General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds |
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| 2004 | (\$47,551) |
| 2005 | (\$45,551) |
| 2006 | (\$45,551) |
| 2007 | (\$45,551) |
| 2008 | (\$45,551) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1 | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003 |
|-------------|--|---|
| 2004 | (\$47,551) | 1.0 |
| 2005 | (\$45,551) | 1.0 |
| 2006 | (\$45,551) | 1.0 |
| 2007 | (\$45,551) | 1.0 |
| 2008 | (\$45,551) | 1.0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend Chapter 191 of the Natural Resources Code and would require the Texas Historical Commission to catalogue any artifacts and related cultural items recovered from Native American and aboriginal burials in Texas.

Methodology

In order to implement the provisions of the bill, the Historical Commission anticipates it will require one FTE - a professional archeologist. This position would be devoted to creating the tracking system, then the identification, tracking and cataloguing of recovered artifacts and related cultural items from American Indian and aboriginal burials in Texas. Additional costs include travel, computer equipment, and other operating expenses.

Technology

There is no significant fiscal impact to technology.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 808 Historical Commission

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