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TO: Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2382 by Hegar (Relating to the frequency of Texas Department of Agriculture weights and measures testing.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2382, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$722,917 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$247,917
2005	\$475,000
2006	\$475,000
2007	\$475,000
2008	\$475,000

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	\$247,917	(4.5)
2005	\$475,000	(9.5)
2006	\$475,000	(9.5)
2007	\$475,000	(9.5)
2008	\$475,000	(9.5)

Fiscal Analysis

This bill changes the required inspection of weights and measures tested by the Department of Agriculture from once every three years to once every four years.

Methodology

By changing the required inspection from a three-year rotation to a four-year rotation the agency anticipates needing 4.5 less FTEs in 2004 to do inspections for a savings of \$247,917and 9.5 less FTEs in 2005 and each subsequent year for savings of \$475,000 a year.

Savings associated with provisions of the bill have been taken into account in the development of House Bill 1.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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