

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 9, 2003**

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

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2510** by Hardcastle (Relating to criminal offenses involving acts against certain activities involving animals or crops.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Penal Code by adding a section relating to the interference with animal activities or research crops. The offenses created by the bill would be punishable as either a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony, depending on whether the offender prevents an individual from lawfully participating in an activity involving animals or crops, or if the offender causes damage or physical disruption of the operations of the facility. It is assumed that implementation of the bill would not have a significant impact on the costs of state government.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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