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TO: Honorable Glenn Lewis, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2847 by Farabee (Relating to the repeal of the Texas Aggregate Quarry and Pit Safety Act.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2847, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$64,000 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	\$32,000
2005	\$32,000
2006	\$32,000
2007	\$32,000
2008	\$32,000

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE</i> <i>FUND</i> 1	Probable Savings from <i>GENERAL REVENUE</i> <i>FUND</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	(\$19,000)	\$51,000	(1.0)
2005	(\$19,000)	\$51,000	(1.0)
2006	(\$19,000)	\$51,000	(1.0)
2007	(\$19,000)	\$51,000	(1.0)
2008	(\$19,000)	\$51,000	(1.0)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would repeal the Texas Aggregate Quarry and Pit Safety Act.

Methodology

Passage of the bill would result in reduced responsibilities by the Railroad Commission, since the agency would no longer have to maintain information on quarries and pits and perform inspections of such sites. The agency expects that this would result in a savings of \$51,000 per year and require one fewer FTE position, based on current resources being expended on the aggregate quarry and pit safety.

According to the Railroad Commission, revenues from application fees for certification in the aggregate quarry and pit safety program totaled \$19,000 in fiscal year 2002. Since these fees are deposited to the credit of the General Revenue Fund, it is estimated that the bill would result in a like reduction in General Revenue collections.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 455 Railroad Commission

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