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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: **SB155** by Zaffirini (Relating to the protection of public freshwater areas; providing a penalty.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

A county, municipality, or river authority would incur costs to develop a local river access plan to submit to the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). However, the provisions of the bill would allow these entities to collect a fee from a person accessing a protected freshwater area, which could offset some of the costs of plan development. These fees would also offset the 20 percent fee collected by TPWD for assistance in developing the local plan.

Since local law enforcement entities are required to enforce the provisions of the bill, it is possible that there would be minor fiscal implications to these agencies, such as county sheriff offices or city police departments, when there is unauthorized motor vehicle use in protected freshwater areas.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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