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TO: Honorable Kenneth Armbrister, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB608 by Janek (Relating to the creation of resident and nonresident fishing guide licenses.),
As Introduced

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB 608, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 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	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from <i>Game, Fish, Water Safety Account</i> 9
2004	\$18,900
2005	\$18,900
2006	\$18,900
2007	\$18,900
2008	\$18,900

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would create a new fee for nonresident fishing guide licenses. The license would be the greater of \$500, or an amount set by the Parks and Wildlife Commission. Currently, there are 108 nonresident fishing guides licensed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The license fee currently paid by these nonresident guides is \$75.

Methodology

For the purpose of this analysis, it is estimated that 50 percent of the nonresident guides would continue to renew their guide licenses in the State of Texas. After deducting for lost, the revenue gain is estimated to be \$18,900 per fiscal year. All revenues generated would be deposited to the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller Of Public Accounts, 802 Parks And Wildlife Department

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