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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB854 by Madla (Relating to the sale, distribution, or importation of noxious plants; providing a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to consult with representatives of the agriculture industry, horticulture industry, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Parks and Wildlife, State Soil and Water Board, and the Texas Cooperative Extension to publish a noxious plant list. The bill also creates a criminal penalty for anyone who imports, distributes or sells one of the listed noxious plants.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture, 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board, 601 Department of Transportation, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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