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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB970 by Shapleigh (Relating to the sale of certain desert plants; providing a penalty.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would amend Subtitle F, Title 5 of the Agriculture Code by adding Chapter 122, which would require growers or harvesters of desert plants to register with the Department of Agriculture (TDA). It would also require these individuals to mark desert plants for sale with an identification mark prescribed by TDA. The department may charge a fee for providing these identification marks.

The bill also allows TDA to issue a stop-sale order to stop the sale or shipment of unmarked desert plants, and establishes penalties if a person advertises, sells, or ships unmarked desert plants.

TDA anticipates being able to absorb all costs associated with the provisions of this bill within existing appropriations.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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