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

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB373 by Swinford (Relating to the food and fibers research grant program.), As Engrossed

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB373, As Engrossed: a positive impact of \$78,795 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	\$33,118
2007	\$45,677
2008	\$45,677
2009	\$45,677 \$45,677
2010	\$45,677

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2006	\$33,118
2007	\$45,677
2008	\$45,677
2009	\$45,677 \$45,677
2010	\$45,677

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005
2006	0.0
2007	(1.0)
2008	(1.0)
2009	(1.0)
2010	(1.0)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill abolishes the Texas Food and Fibers Commission (TFFC) and transfers all contracts, records, employees, property and funds to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) on January 1, 2006. The majority of funds appropriated to the TFFC will be transferred to the Texas Department of Agriculture to maintain the research program at the appropriated level; some administrative savings are anticipated however.

Methodology

Assuming the reduction of one FTE and some minor savings in professional fees, rent, and other operating expenses, there is an anticipated savings to the state of \$33,118 in fiscal year 2006 and \$45,677 in fiscal year 2007.

Technology

The bill would have no technology impact.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture, 904 Texas Food and Fibers Commission **LBB Staff:** JOB, WK, ZS, JF