

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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

**IN RE: HB373** by Swinford ( Relating to the food and fibers research grant program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b> for HB373, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$78,795 through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.
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**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

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

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

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

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005</b>
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

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