

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**April 11, 2005**

**TO:** Honorable Harvey Hilderbran, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation, & Tourism

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

**IN RE: HB2901** by Hilderbran (Relating to the possession of white-tailed deer or mule deer for the purpose of sale, purchase, transfer, propagation or liberation under terms of a permit; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the possession of white-tailed deer or mule deer for the purpose of sale, purchase, transfer, propagation or liberation under terms of a permit. The bill would reorganize, clarify, remove conflicts, and ease enforcement of provisions related to deer breeders. Because the bill specifies that a "durable identification tag" may include newly developed technology, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) indicates the cost of the bill would be \$76,200 in fiscal year 2006 to purchase an electronic chip reader to read microchips and/or implantable transponders, at a cost of \$300 each for each county in the state. It is anticipated that the agency can absorb this cost within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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