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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: HB2901 by Hilderbran (Relating to a deer breeder's permit; providing a penalty.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to a deer breeder's permit. The bill would reorganize, clarify, remove conflicts, and ease enforcement of provisions related to deer breeders. The bill would require a deer breeder to implant or place on each of the breeder's deer a durable identification tag. 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 and costs to administer bill provisions 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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