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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: HB3024 by Cook, Byron (Relating to the sale of fish collected from certain private property.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would provide that an aquaculture license is not required for sale of fish: (1) that are not on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) list of exotic fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants; (2) that are collected from a private facility by a person holding an aquaculture license; (3) by the owner of the private facility; (4) to manage the fish population in the private facility; (5) to a person holding an aquaculture license. The bill would require the owner of a private facility to notify TPWD prior to the sale of fish and to submit the related invoice to TPWD within 30 days of the sale. Although the bill creates guidelines to determine requirements for aquaculture licenses and sales of certain fish, the bill, if passed, is not anticipated to have a significant impact on agency workload.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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