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

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

IN RE: HB3024 by Cook, Byron (Relating to sale of culled fish from private waters.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code relating to non-licensed fish farm operators so that such farmers do not need a fish farming license to sell fish from their farms so long as: (1) the fish are not on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TWPD) list of harmful or potentially harmful exotic fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants; (2) the fish are sold by the owner of the fish farm impoundment; (3) the farm is on private property; (4) the fish were collected in an effort to manage the fish population in the impoundment; and, (5) fish are sold to a person holding a valid fish farmer's license. Although the bill creates guidelines to determine requirements for fish farming licenses, 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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