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S.B. No. 573

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an interim study concerning the breeding of  
3 white-tailed and mule deer in this state.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. (a) A select interim committee is created to  
6 study the practice of breeding white-tailed and mule deer in this  
7 state. The committee's study must include, but is not limited to,  
8 an examination of:

9 (1) the operation of breeding facilities in this  
10 state;

11 (2) the economic impact of the breeding industry on  
12 rural communities in this state;

13 (3) whether any barriers exist that prevent the  
14 breeding industry from operating in the most efficient, effective  
15 manner;

16 (4) whether any opportunities exist that could improve  
17 or enhance the breeding industry in this state; and

18 (5) responsibility for disease control and associated  
19 issues of liability and indemnification.

20 (b) The committee consists of the following nine members:

21 (1) three members appointed by the lieutenant  
22 governor, two of whom must be senators and one of whom must be a  
23 permit holder under Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks and Wildlife  
24 Code;

1           (2) three members appointed by the speaker of the  
2 house of representatives, two of whom must be representatives and  
3 one of whom must be a permit holder under Subchapter L, Chapter 43,  
4 Parks and Wildlife Code; and

5           (3) three members appointed by the governor, each of  
6 whom must be a permit holder under Subchapter L, Chapter 43, Parks  
7 and Wildlife Code.

8           (c) The members of the committee shall elect a presiding  
9 officer from among its members.

10          (d) The committee shall convene at the call of the presiding  
11 officer.

12          (e) The committee has all other powers and duties provided  
13 to a special or select committee by the rules of the senate and  
14 house of representatives, by Subchapter B, Chapter 301, Government  
15 Code, and by policies of the senate and house committees on  
16 administration.

17          (f) From the contingent expense fund of the senate and the  
18 contingent expense fund of the house of representatives equally,  
19 the members of the committee are entitled to reimbursement for  
20 expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this Act in  
21 accordance with the rules of the senate and house of  
22 representatives and the policies of the senate and house committees  
23 on administration.

24          (g) Not later than February 1, 2009, the committee shall  
25 report the committee's findings and recommendations to the  
26 lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives,  
27 and the members of the 81st Legislature.

1           (h) Not later than the 60th day after the effective date of  
2 this Act, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives, and the governor shall appoint the members of the  
4 interim committee created under this section.

5           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.