LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

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TO: Honorable Robert Puente, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: HB496 by Cook, Robby (Relating to mileage reimbursement for soil and water conservation district directors.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB496, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$191,388) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$95,694)
2009	(\$95,694)
2010	(\$95,694) (\$95,694) (\$95,694)
2011	(\$95,694)
2012	(\$95,694)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2008	(\$95,694)
2009	(\$95,694) (\$95,694)
2010	(\$95,694)
2011	(\$95,694)
2012	(\$95,694)

Fiscal Analysis

This bill would increase the mileage reimbursement rate for soil and water conservation district directors from \$0.18 per mile to the current state rate, which is presently \$0.445 per mile.

This bill will take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house. If this bill does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, the act takes effect September 1, 2007.

Methodology

The agency currently allocates \$65,000 per year for soil and water conservation district director mileage claims, based on the current rate in statute of \$0.18 per mile. Based on current mileage, the agency is anticipating that the cost for mileage claims at the proposed rate of \$0.445 per mile would be \$160,694 per fiscal year and therefore anticipates needing an additional \$95,694 per fiscal year to

provide for these claims.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board

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