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TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

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

IN RE: HB2328 by Woolley (Relating to the offenses of cruelty to livestock and nonlivestock animals.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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This bill would amend the Penal Code to provide penalties for cruelty to livestock and nonlivestock animals. The bill would modify the current section of the Penal Code to apply to livestock animals and create a new section within the Penal Code for offenses against nonlivestock animals. The new section would make punishment for the first offense a Class A Misdemeanor and allow for penalty enhancements upon subsequent convictions. The bill would also amend the Family Code, relating to required counseling, and the Occupations Code to include the new Penal Code section.

This bill will take effect September 1, 2007 and apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of the act. It is assumed that this bill would not significantly affect the operations of state government.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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