

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 9, 2007**

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

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

**IN RE: HB3847** by Hilderbran (Relating to a pilot project to conserve threatened and endangered species and habitat.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to authorize a pilot program to recover endangered species and prevent other species from becoming endangered. The program consists of two components: (1) A credit system for participating landowners; and (2) an incentive program to identify priority areas where species of concern are located. The bill would direct TPWD to implement the program and compensate participating landowners at a cost not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year. An expense of \$250,000 per fiscal year represents less than 1 percent of TPWD's estimated appropriation from the Game, Fish and Water Safety Account No. 9 in fiscal year 2006 (\$83.1 million). Accordingly, the fiscal implication to the State for implementation of the bill is not anticipated to be significant.

The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2007.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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