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TO: Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on S/C on Ag., Rural Affairs & Coastal Resources

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

IN RE: SB689 by Shapleigh (Relating to the sale or transport of certain desert plants; providing a penalty.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill establishes requirements for the sale or transportation of desert plants, requires a person who grows or harvests a desert plant to register with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), and requires a person selling or transporting desert plants to have documentation (prescribed by TDA) certifying the sale or transport for each transaction involving at least 25 plants. For a transaction involving more than 25 desert plants a person must provide documentation for each grouping of 25 or fewer plants.

The bill also allows TDA to issue a stop-sale order to stop the sale or shipment of desert plants that are not accompanied by the documentation prescribed by agency, and establishes penalties if a person advertises, sells, or ships undocumented desert plants.

TDA anticipates a cost of \$51,200 in fiscal year 2008 to modify the agency's current data collection/management system for registration and enforcement activities required by this bill. It is expected that this cost can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture

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