

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: SB825** by Nichols (Relating to a program to control or eradicate nuisance aquatic vegetation.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife code relating to a program to control or eradicate nuisance aquatic vegetation. The bill would direct the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to establish program to control or destroy harmful aquatic plants including hydrilla and giant sylvania from public waters in Texas. The bill would authorize TPWD to fund this program from its appropriation from unclaimed refunds on motorboat fuel taxes. According to the agency, TPWD already has a program in place to control harmful aquatic vegetation, therefore, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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

**Local Government Impact**

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

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

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