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TO: Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: SB1172 by Seliger (Relating to the disposition of income at Palo Duro Canyon State Park.),
As Introduced

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the use of unexpended income at the end of the biennium at Palo Duro Canyon State Park for operating expenses and other purposes at other parks, state natural areas, and historic sites statewide. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the cost of operating Palo Duro Canyon State Park (i.e., operating expenses, major and minor repair and direct support costs) exceed the revenues derived from leases, royalties and operations of the park.. Since the Palo Duro Canyon State Park does not at present fully recover its' operating costs with revenue, no unexpended income is estimated to be available at the end of the 2008-09 or future biennia. To the extent the bill would direct the TPWD to monitor disposition of income or revenue loss at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, the fiscal implication to the State is not anticipated to be significant.

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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