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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: SB1312 by Whitmire (Relating to providing a civil penalty for a violation of the Antiquities Code of Texas.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires that a person that violates Chapter 191 of the Natural Resources Code is subject to a civil penalty between \$50 and \$1,000 for each day of the violation. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to file suit in district court to restrain and enjoin a violation of Chapter 191, Natural Resources Code, to recover on behalf of the state a civil penalty.

Currently, there is an average of 2 cases reported annually concerning violations to Chapter 191 of the Natural Resources Code. Therefore annual gain to General Revenue would be between \$100 and \$2,000, however no significant fiscal impact is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 302 Office of the Attorney General, 808 Historical Commission

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