

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

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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: SB1524** by Wentworth (Relating to the protection and preservation of caves in the State of Texas; providing penalties.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would enhance the protection and preservation of irreplaceable formations in caves and to increase the deterrent effect of penalties for violations.

The bill increases the penalty from a misdemeanor to a state jail felony in certain circumstances.

**Local Government Impact**

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

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