

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 80TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 10, 2007**

**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: SB1532** by Hinojosa (Relating to the regulation of food safety in fresh fruits and vegetables.),  
**As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill requires the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to act as the lead agency in the regulation of food safety in fresh fruits and vegetables, including any federally mandated inspections of farms and fresh-cut processing facilities. TDA will also be required to coordinate, plan and approve food safety training and awareness programs among producers of fresh fruits and vegetables.

TDA anticipates needing one additional FTE (Sanitarian III) and some operating and travel costs to coordinate the responsibilities required by this legislation for a total cost of \$79,062 in fiscal year 2008 and \$75,297 in each subsequent fiscal year. It is anticipated that these costs 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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