

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

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

**IN RE: HB1805** by Kuempel (Relating to the use of laser sighting devices by hunters who have certain documented disabilities.), **As Engrossed**

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

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to allow hunters with specific documented disabilities the ability to use a laser sighting device on a firearm, when assisted by a person with a hunting license who is not physically disabled. The bill would define a disability in these circumstances as rendering the individual incapable of using a traditional firearm sighting device. A physician's certification of the extent of the disability is sufficient documentation under this provision. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the bill would have no fiscal implication to the department. The bill would take immediate effect with two-thirds the vote of all members. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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