

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

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**May 7, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: HB1881** by Miller, Sid (Relating to the creation of the Texas Equine Incentive Program.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>Depending upon the number of owners of certain Texas-based horses that would elect to participate in the program, there would be an indeterminate revenue gain to the state.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to create the Equine Incentive Program. The program would be administered by the Department of Agriculture (TDA) to provide an incentive for the owners of certain show horses to enter the horses as participants in horse shows in this state. The bill would require TDA to collect a fee of not less than \$30 from owners participating in the program. Five percent of the revenue collected for this purpose would be used to administer grant equine incentive awards to the owners of eligible foals that participate in horse shows in this state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture, 554 Animal Health Commission

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