

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Mark Homer, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

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

**IN RE: HB2553** by Hilderbran (Relating to the registration and operation of certain off-highway vehicles.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code and the Transportation Code to expressly include recreational off-highway vehicles (ROV) in the definition of off-highway vehicles and to differentiate them from the definition of an "All-Terrain Vehicle." According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), ROVs are equipped with four wheels, and have non-straddle seats for both a driver and passenger if equipped (conversely ATVs have straddle seats). TPWD indicates that ROV owners using off-highway trails must purchase a off-highway decal under current law. Accordingly, no fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. 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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