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TO: Honorable Yvonne Gonzalez Toureilles, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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

IN RE: HB3496 by Miller, Sid (Relating to the establishment of the Texas Nursery and Floral Advisory Council and the promotion of Texas Nursery and floral industries.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to create the Texas Nursery and Floral Account, which would be funded from an optional fee from nursery and floral owners and would allow the Department of Agriculture (TDA) to make grants to promote and market the Texas nursery and floral industries.

The bill would create the Texas Nursery and Floral Advisory Council to be coordinated by TDA to advise the department on the most effective methods for promoting and marketing the Texas nursery and floral industries.

TDA anticipates that any costs associated with this bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

There would be additional revenue generated as a result of this bill, but it is not anticipated to be significant.

This legislation would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

The bill would take effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house; otherwise it 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

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