

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB4593 by Eiland (Relating to the marketing of shrimp and aquaculture products.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
--

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to modify the Shrimp Marketing Assistance Program at the Department of Agriculture to only include wild-caught shrimp. The bill would eliminate the requirement that TDA shall assess and collect a surcharge on the annual license fee for aquaculture facilities producing shrimp to fund the Shrimp Marketing Assistance Program.

There would be a loss of revenue related to the provisions of the bill, but this loss would not be significant.

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

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, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

LBB Staff: JOB, SZ, AH, SD