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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: SB212 by Shapleigh (Relating to the sale or transport of certain desert plants; providing a penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Department of Agriculture (TDA) to register any person who grows or harvests desert plants for sale. The bill gives TDA the authority to issue and enforce an order to stop the sale of desert plants if it is not accompanied by the proper documentation. The bill would provide a penalty for any person who violates the requirements of the bill.

TDA indicates 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: 405 Department of Public Safety, 551 Department of Agriculture

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