

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 17, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

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

**IN RE: SB1214** by Deuell (Relating to consumption advisories for mercury contamination in fish, crustaceans, molluscan shellfish, and other aquatic and terrestrial animals.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would require the Department of State Health Services to post consumption advisory signs for mercury contaminated fish, crustaceans, molluscan shellfish and other aquatic and terrestrial animals around certain bodies of water. DSHS currently posts advisory signs if mercury is found above 0.7 mg/kg. The bill would lower it to 0.3 mg/kg. It is assumed that any cost associated with posting the new signs can be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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