

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

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**April 5, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: SB1501** by West (Relating to the eligibility of nonprofit organizations that partner with certain schools to receive grants for agricultural projects.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to allow the Department of Agriculture (TDA) to award grants to nonprofit organizations that are partnered with public elementary and middle schools located in large urban school districts to establish a demonstration agricultural project or other projects designed to foster an understanding and awareness of agriculture. The bill would also eliminate the requirement that TDA cannot award more than \$2,500 to a school in a school year for this program.

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

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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