

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources

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

**IN RE: SB1829** by Deuell (Relating to the collection of artifacts from public waterways.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapter 191 of the Natural Resources Code – the Antiquities Code – to allow permits to be issued to individuals for the collection of artifacts in a public waterway, except those which are located in state parks or areas administered by the federal government. The Texas Historical Commission would be allowed to charge up to \$75 for each permit issued and would maintain a database of reports filed by permit holders on artifacts discovered. In addition, the bill would allow for the state to purchase such artifacts within a year after the Commission is notified of the discovery and allow the Commission to borrow the artifacts for study for a period of up to one year.

It is anticipated that implementation of this bill would not have a significant fiscal impact.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 305 General Land Office and Veterans' Land Board, 701 Central Education Agency, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 808 Historical Commission

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