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TO: Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

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

IN RE: HB3696 by Gallego (Relating to concurrent state and federal legislative jurisdiction over units of the national park system in this state.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to concurrent state and federal legislative jurisdiction over the national parks in Texas. The bill would provide that the Governor, on behalf of the State, will cede to the US federal government concurrent legislative jurisdiction over lands and waters currently owned or acquired by the US federal government within the boundaries of any unit of the national park system located in the state of Texas. Simultaneously, the Governor, on behalf of the state of Texas, will accept from the National Parks Service a retrocession of concurrent legislative jurisdiction over the lands and waters within the boundaries of Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River, currently under exclusive federal jurisdiction. The bill would provide that no later than October 1, 2011 the Governor will forward a copy of the bill to the National Parks Service to request acceptance of the changes proposed. Upon the written confirmation from the National Parks Service, the Governor will publish a notice of confirmation in the Texas Register no later than the 21st day after the date the confirmation was received. No significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated from bill provisions. The concurrent state and federal jurisdiction is effective the date the Governor publishes the notice, the remainder of the bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members in both houses. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 301 Office of the Governor, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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