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TO: Honorable Allan Ritter, Chair, House Committee on Natural Resources

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

IN RE: SB408 by Estes (Relating to inspection of and the operation of watercraft on the John Graves Scenic Riverway; providing for the imposition of a criminal penalty.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would change the timing for taking the two required water quality samples and conducting the two required surface visual inspections in the John Graves Scenic Riverway from summer and winter to spring and fall of each year. The bill also would require that the TCEQ prohibit by rule the commercial or recreational use of boats or other crafts that use an aircraft-type propeller for propulsion on the waters of the John Graves Scenic Riverway. Exceptions to the prohibition would allow for use of these boats or crafts for conducting the required visual water quality inspections and for law enforcement purposes.

The bill would also create an offense for a person operating a hovercraft or watercraft in the John Graves Scenic Riverway as a Class C misdemeanor.

No significant fiscal impact to the state is expected as a result of the bill's passage.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 582 Commission on Environmental Quality, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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