

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1135** by Villarreal (Relating to a study conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the production of and use of native seeds.), **As Engrossed**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would require the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to conduct a study regarding the use of native seeds in projects related to land restoration and soil stabilization by TxDOT and its contractors and report the results of the study no later than December 1, 2014. The bill would require TxDOT to maintain a five-year forecast of its future needs for native seeds.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture, 601 Department of Transportation, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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