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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1614** by Phillips (Relating to the management, breeding, and destruction of deer and to procedures regarding certain deer permits.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code regarding department procedures for suspending, revoking, or not renewing specific deer permits and the agency procedures for the removal or destruction of deer. The bill would add factors for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to consider when refusing to issue or renew certain deer permits.

The bill would require TPWD to provide notice to a permittee prior to the removal or destruction of any deer. The bill would provide that the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) may conduct an assessment of breeder deer subject to a destruction order if the assessment can be conducted in a timely manner and within available resources.

TPWD anticipates any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill for handling appeals and administrative costs could be absorbed within the department's existing resources. Similarly, it is assumed any additional duties to the TAHC as a result of bill provisions could be conducted within available resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 302 Office of the Attorney General,
554 Animal Health Commission

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