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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1616** by Phillips (Relating to allowing a deer breeder to transfer and sell for processing as venison certain breeder deer.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1616, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2014	\$0
2015	\$0
2016	\$0
2017	\$0
2018	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund	Probable Revenue Gain/(Loss) from General Revenue Fund
	1	1
2014	(\$753,763)	\$753,763
2015	(\$740,285)	\$740,285
2016	(\$750,869)	\$750,869
2017	(\$742,598)	\$742,598
2018	(\$748,754)	\$748,754

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2013
2014	9.1
2015	9.1
2016	9.1
2017	9.1
2018	9.1

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code and the Health and Safety Code relating to deer breeder permits to allow a live breeder deer to be transferred for processing and sold for venison. Under the provisions of the bill, the breeder deer sold as venison would be in accordance with either the state meat inspection services and the associated rules or the federal meat inspection services. The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Methodology

To meet the increased demand for inspections of breeder deer slaughter and processing operations, the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) anticipates needing 9 additional inspector FTEs, to be hired in the first quarter of fiscal year 2014. The additional FTEs would cost \$388,531 in salary and wages and \$115,549 in benefits in each year. The other operating expenses and travel costs associated with the FTEs are estimated to be \$188,189 in fiscal year 2014 and \$175,317 in fiscal year 2015. The associated Health and Human Services Commission enterprise cost is estimated to be \$61,494 in fiscal year 2014 and \$60,888 in fiscal year 2015 and 0.1 FTEs in each fiscal year. The total cost to General Revenue is \$753,763 in fiscal year 2014 and \$740,285 in fiscal year 2015.

It is assumed that the increased costs to DSHS, which is statutorily required to generate sufficient revenue to cover the cost of this program, would be offset by an increase in fee generated revenue as a result of slaughter and processing inspections of deer breeders. This analysis assumes that all breeder deer operations in the state of Texas will rely on state meat inspection services, as the cost of state meat inspection for exotic animals is less expensive than federal meat inspection, and state meat inspection services tend to be more accessible to small businesses than are federal meat inspection services. This analysis assumes that 1,200 permitted breeder deer operations are in the state of Texas and would require this service.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department estimates any programming modifications to the deer breeder database or costs of rulemaking would not have a significant fiscal implication to the department.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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