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TO: Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee On Natural Resources

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB572 by Taylor (Relating to the sale and purchase of shark fins or products derived from shark fins; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend portions of the Parks and Wildlife Code relating to the sale and purchase of shark fins or shark fin based products. Violation of the amended provisions would be a Class B Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor; unless it is shown at trial that the defendant has been convicted within five years of the same violation, in which case the violation would be a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor. Upon violation the game warden or peace officer will seize and hold the shark fins as evidence, then destroy the fins upon a final court ruling. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicates that any changes to department duties as a result of the bill's passage could be absorbed within department resources. The bill would take effect July 1, 2014.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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