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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB557** by Farias (relating to the growth or cultivation of industrial hemp for certain research purposes.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to provide that the Department of Agriculture or an institution of higher education may grow or cultivate industrial hemp for research, as described. Based on the analysis of the Texas Department of Agriculture and University of Texas System Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources of the department or an institution of higher education.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture, 720 The University of Texas System Administration

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