LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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TO: Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2556 by White, Molly (Relating to the criminal penalty for certain outdoor burning violations.), As Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Water Code to amend offenses associated with the outdoor burning of certain materials.

Local Government Impact

A Class A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$4,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed one year, or both. A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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