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TO: Honorable Myra Crownover, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2562 by Sheets (Relating to the care and unlawful restraint of a dog; creating an offense.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code to provide definitions and requirements for the care of a dog left outside and unattended. A violation of this chapter is a Class C misdemeanor. Each dog and each day creates a separate violation. Under the provisions of the bill, the money collected as a penalty would be deposited into a general fund of the municipality or county served by the court. The bill provides exceptions. The bill does not prevent a municipality or a county from furthering regulations relating to the care of a dog.

The bill would repeal Section 821.079(b) and (e), Health and Safety Code.

The Office of Court Administration reported no significant fiscal impact to the state court system is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

There could be an increase of revenue from fines imposed under the provisions of the bill. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected would depend on the number of offenses committed under the new provisions of the bill and is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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