

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 6, 2015**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **SB1181** by Huffines (Relating to an interim study concerning this state's noncommercial hunting and fishing license systems.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to conduct an interim study regarding the consolidation of non-commercial hunting and fishing licenses, tags, and stamps into a single license while maintaining current license exemptions. The bill would require the study to include how to maintain wildlife management standards under a single license; the elimination of the hunter education course as a separate requirement for hunting with a license, or how to maintain the hunter education requirement without unduly affecting those who would only use the license to fish; and ways to increase the ease of purchase and use for individuals applying for a hunting/fishing license.

Based on information provided by TPWD, the duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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