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TO: Honorable Charles Perry, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1734 by Uresti (Relating to the eradication of Carrizo cane along the Rio Grande River.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1734, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$9,800,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	(\$4,900,000)
2017	(\$4,900,000)
2018	(\$4,900,000)
2019	(\$4,900,000)
2020	(\$4,900,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
2016	(\$4,900,000)	2.0
2017	(\$4,900,000)	2.0
2018	(\$4,900,000)	2.0
2019	(\$4,900,000)	2.0
2020	(\$4,900,000)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Agriculture Code to require the Soil and Water Conservation Board (SWCB) to develop and implement a program to eradicate Carrizo cane along the Rio Grande River.

The bill would take effect immediately if it were to receive a two-thirds majority vote in each house of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect on September 1, 2015.

Methodology

This analysis reflects costs of \$4,900,000 each fiscal year in General Revenue to implement the provisions of the bill based on funding proposals considered by both the Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee during deliberations on Senate Bill 2 and House Bill 1 as Introduced respectively.

This analysis assumes a cost of approximately \$4,700,000 million each fiscal year in grants issued by the SWCB to eradicate Carrizo cane along the Rio Grande River. Based on information provided by SWCB, 2.0 FTE positions would be necessary to implement the provisions of the bill. This analysis assumes salaries and wages for each FTE position of \$60,000 in General Revenue, benefits for each FTE totaling \$38,856 in General Revenue, and support expenses for each FTE position totaling \$40,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year (total costs of \$198,856 each year).

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 592 Soil and Water Conservation Board

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