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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1815 by Reynolds (Relating to the power of counties to enact park use rules.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Local Government Code to allow a board of park commissioners to create reasonable rules concerning the use of parks administered by the board. An offense against these rules is punishable as a Class C misdemeanor. Fines collected are deposited into the county's general fund.

According to the Parks and Wildlife Department, the bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact on the state.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

According to the Parks and Wildlife Department, the bill is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact to units of local government.

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the bill would have no significant impact on local government.

A Class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500. Costs associated with enforcement and prosecution could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact. In addition to the fine, punishment can include up to 180 days of deferred disposition.

Source Agencies: 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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