

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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March 22, 2017

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 certain counties to enact park use rules.),
As Introduced

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to allow a board of park commissioners in a county with a population of 580,000 or more adjacent to a county with a population of 2.8 million or more to create reasonable rules concerning the use of parks administered by the board. An offense against these rules is a Class C misdemeanor. Fines collected are deposited into the county's general fund.

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