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TO: Honorable Tracy O. King, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2817** by González, Mary (relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of criminal mischief involving the death of a head of cattle or bison or a horse.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the punishment for the offense of criminal mischief involving the death of a head of cattle or bison or horse. Under the provisions of the bill, criminal mischief involving the death of one or more of certain animals would be punishable as a third degree felony.

The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice indicate they do not anticipate a significant fiscal impact.

This analysis assumes the provisions of the bill addressing felony sanctions would not result in a significant impact on the demand for state correctional resources. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2017 and apply only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of the Act.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696
Department of Criminal Justice

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