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**TO:** Honorable John Frullo, Chair, House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism

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

**IN RE: HB2854** by Paddie (Relating to an authorization to trap, transport, and transplant certain white-tailed deer between certain sites.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2854, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

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
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from Game,Fish,Water Safety Ac 9
2018	(\$557,673)
2019	(\$250,485)
2020	(\$252,452)
2021	(\$252,452)
2022	(\$254,419)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2017
2018	6.0
2019	6.0
2020	6.0
2021	6.0
2022	6.0

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to require the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to issue a trap, transport, and transplant permit for breeder deer that are trapped at a class 1 release site and released in another class 1 release site.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receipt of a two-thirds vote of all members elected to each house; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

**Methodology**

Based upon information provided by TPWD, this analysis assumes that an additional 12 positions working for six months each year (6.0 FTEs) would be necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the bill. The bill would not allow TPWD to prevent the transporting of breeder deer from chronic wasting disease zones, and the additional positions would be deployed to six of the eight Wildlife Division Districts to conduct intensified sampling in and around release sites for deer trapped in chronic wasting disease zones. This analysis also assumes each of the seasonal positions would be equipped with a vehicle and other necessary field equipment in fiscal year 2018, and telecommunication equipment each fiscal year.

**Technology**

Based upon information provided by TPWD, this analysis assumes 60 hours of programming to the Texas Wildlife Information Management Services system at a cost of \$100 per hour.

**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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