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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: SB722 by Perry (Relating to a fee for participation in the Managed Lands Deer Program of the Parks and Wildlife Department.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB722, 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 Revenue Gain/(Loss) from Game, Fish, Water Safety Act
2018	\$1,370,670
2019	\$1,370,670
2020	\$1,370,670
2021	\$1,370,670
2022	\$1,370,670

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to allow the Parks and Wildlife Commission by rule to establish and collect a fee for participation in the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP). Revenue from the fee would be deposited to the General Revenue-Dedicated Game, Fish, and Water Safety Account No. 9.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote of the members in both houses; otherwise it would take effect on September 1, 2017.

The bill would do one or more of the following: create or recreate a dedicated account in the General Revenue Fund, create or recreate a special or trust fund either with or outside of the Treasury, or create a dedicated revenue source. The fund, account, or revenue dedication included in this bill would be subject to funds consolidation review by the current Legislature.

Methodology

The bill would authorize, but not require, the Parks and Wildlife Commission to charge a fee. Based upon information provided by the Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), this analysis assumes that the Commission would establish fees for the various options of MLDP participation in the following amounts:

- Harvest Option: \$30 fee for 2,404 participants;
- Conservation Option (associations and cooperatives): \$40 fee for 4,345 participants; and
- Conservation Option (individual): \$250 fee for 4,499 participants.

To implement the proposed fees and collection procedures, TPWD would incur minimal costs to reprogram its business system in fiscal year 2018.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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