

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joe Moody, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**IN RE:** SB1232 by Huffman (relating to inappropriate conduct between a person and an animal; creating a criminal offense.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend sections of the Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Health and Safety Code, as they relate to the offense of bestiality. Under the provisions of the bill, bestiality would be punishable by a state jail or second degree felony depending on the specific circumstances of the offense.

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 demands 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.

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