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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 4544 |
| By: Meyer |
| Urban Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Concerns have been raised regarding increased coyote activity in urban and suburban areas. H.B. 4544 seeks to address these concerns by authorizing municipalities with a certain population density to capture, relocate, or euthanize coyotes. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 4544 amends the Health and Safety Code to authorize a municipality with a population density of more than 2,500 persons per square mile to capture, relocate, or euthanize a coyote located within the municipality or the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The bill authorizes the municipality to request assistance from Texas Wildlife Services to capture, relocate, or euthanize a coyote. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019. |