

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1268** by Lucio III (Relating to dangerous wild animals; providing penalties; creating a criminal offense; authorizing a fee.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would prohibit owning, possessing, selling, transferring, breeding, or having custody or control of certain dangerous wild animals (DWAs), except under certain conditions. For those exceptions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Commission to develop a DWA registration form and authorize the agency charge a registration fee in an amount to cover its related administrative costs. The bill would repeal provisions requiring DWAs to be registered through local animal control offices or county sheriffs.

The Health and Human Services Commission and Department of State Health Services indicate that the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

The Texas Association of Counties indicates that the bill could have fiscal impact on counties; however, the amount of any cost, and whether or not the registration fee the Health and Human Services Commission is authorized to establish would be sufficient to reimburse counties for any costs incurred, cannot be determined.

**Source Agencies:**        212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304  
   Comptroller of Public Accounts, 529 Health and Human Services  
   Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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